

Diane L. Kamen M.D., MSCR

Dr. Diane Kamen is an assistant professor of medicine in the division of rheumatology. She completed her undergraduate training at Northwestern University. She graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1999 and completed her internal medicine residency and a three-year rheumatology fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina in June 2005. In 2004, she completed a two-year Master of Science in Clinical Research program, funded through an NIH K30 clinical research curriculum award. She joined the faculty in July 2005.

Dr. Kamen has had a longstanding interest in the clinical treatment of and research in understanding the natural history of autoimmune disorders. Her clinical and research interests remain focused on systemic lupus erythematosus and she is an active member of the M.U.S.C.L.E. Research Group. She has headed several large observational investigations, including studies of the prevalence, characteristics, and genetics of SLE within the Sea Island African American Gullah population (the S.L.E.I.G.H. Study) and has a K23 award from the NIH to investigate the role of vitamin D in lupus under the mentorship of Dr. Gilkeson. She also has an R21 award from the NIH to explore potential environmental triggers of autoimmunity. She is involved in multiple interventional clinical trials in lupus, both industry-sponsored and investigator-initiated. She serves as the clinical director for the lupus clinical trials consortium at MUSC. Dr. Kamen promotes clinical research at a national level as chair of the southern section American Federation for Medical Research, a member of the Lupus Foundation of America medical-scientific advisory council, and on the international level as a member of the Systemic Lupus Collaborating Clinics (SLICC).

Dr. Kamen's career goals include gaining insight into the pathogenic

mechanisms responsible for autoimmune diseases and improving the quality of life for patients.