In accordance with the ethical standards of the medical profession, Arthritis & Rheumatic Disease Specialties complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Our practice also does not exclude people or treat them differently due to race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. We offer the following:

- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, please let our practice know.

If you believe that our practice has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance in writing with:

Rich Hedrick, Practice Civil Rights Coordinator 2801 NE 213th St, Suite 801, Aventura, Florida 33180

You may also contact the Civil Rights Coordinator by phone at 305-652-6676. You may file a grievance in person or by mail. If you need help filing a grievance, Rich Hedrick, Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf , or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201

(800) 368-1019, or 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.htm">http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.htm</a>