By Paul A. Monach, MD, PhD

Historically, granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener’s granulomatosis; GPA) and microscopic polyangiitis (MPA) were usually relentlessly progressive and often fatal illnesses. Immunosuppressive therapy has converted these diseases, which are often referred to collectively as antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody (ANCA)–associated vasculitis (AAV), into chronic conditions in which remission is usually achieved, but subsequent relapse is common and yet unpredictable in its timing.

Because treatment with glucocorticoids combined with either cyclophosphamide, rituximab, or continued on page 24

By Thomas R. Collins

MicroRNAs’ role in rheumatic diseases coming into sharper focus, researchers say

BERLIN—MicroRNAs (miRNAs) are poised to play a big role in the future understanding and treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (RA), researchers said here at the European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) 2012 Annual European Congress of Rheumatology, held June 6–9.

New discoveries into the role of several miRNA types are continued on page 33

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