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Inflammatory Arthritis

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Rheumatology

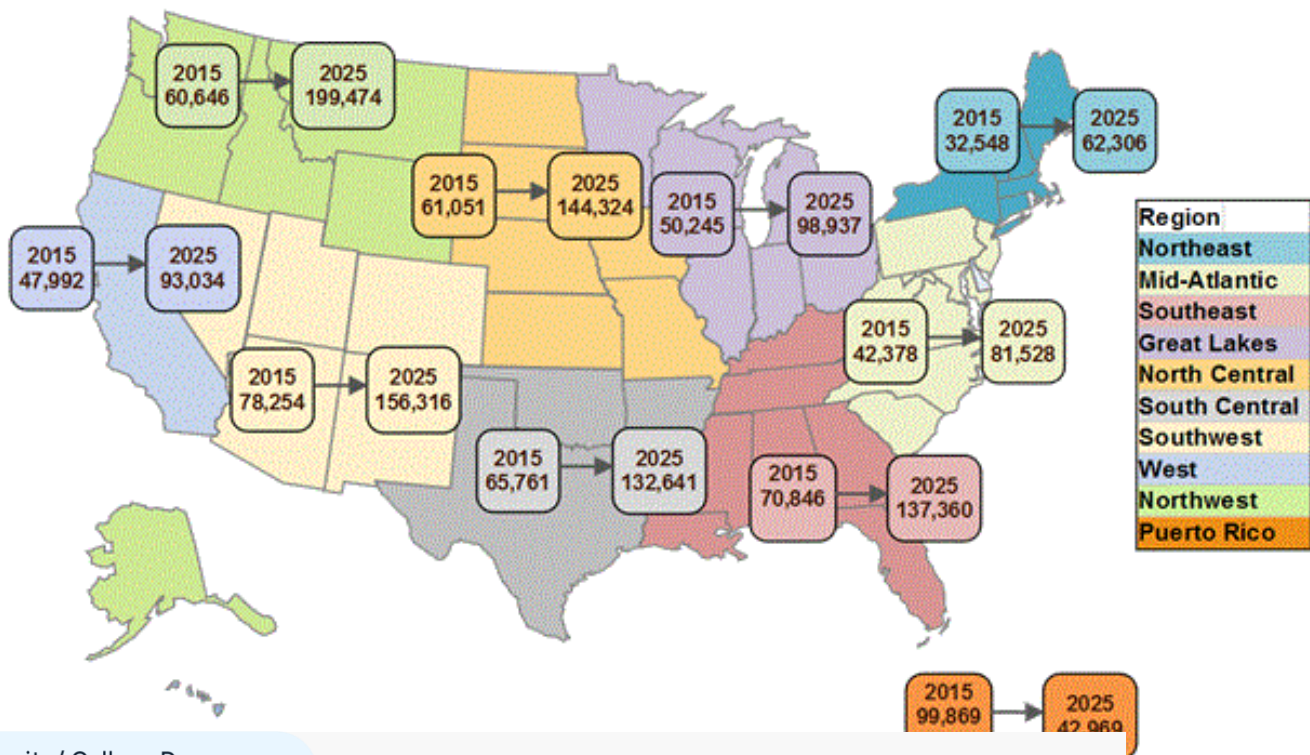
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Figure 1. Adult Rheumatologists per Population, 2015 compared to 2025

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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER RHEUMATOLOGIST

2015 to 2025



University/ College Degree
(Bachelor's Degree)

4 years

Medical School
(M.D. or D.O. Degree)

4 years

Residency in Internal Medicine or Pediatrics
(Followed by Board Certification)

3 years

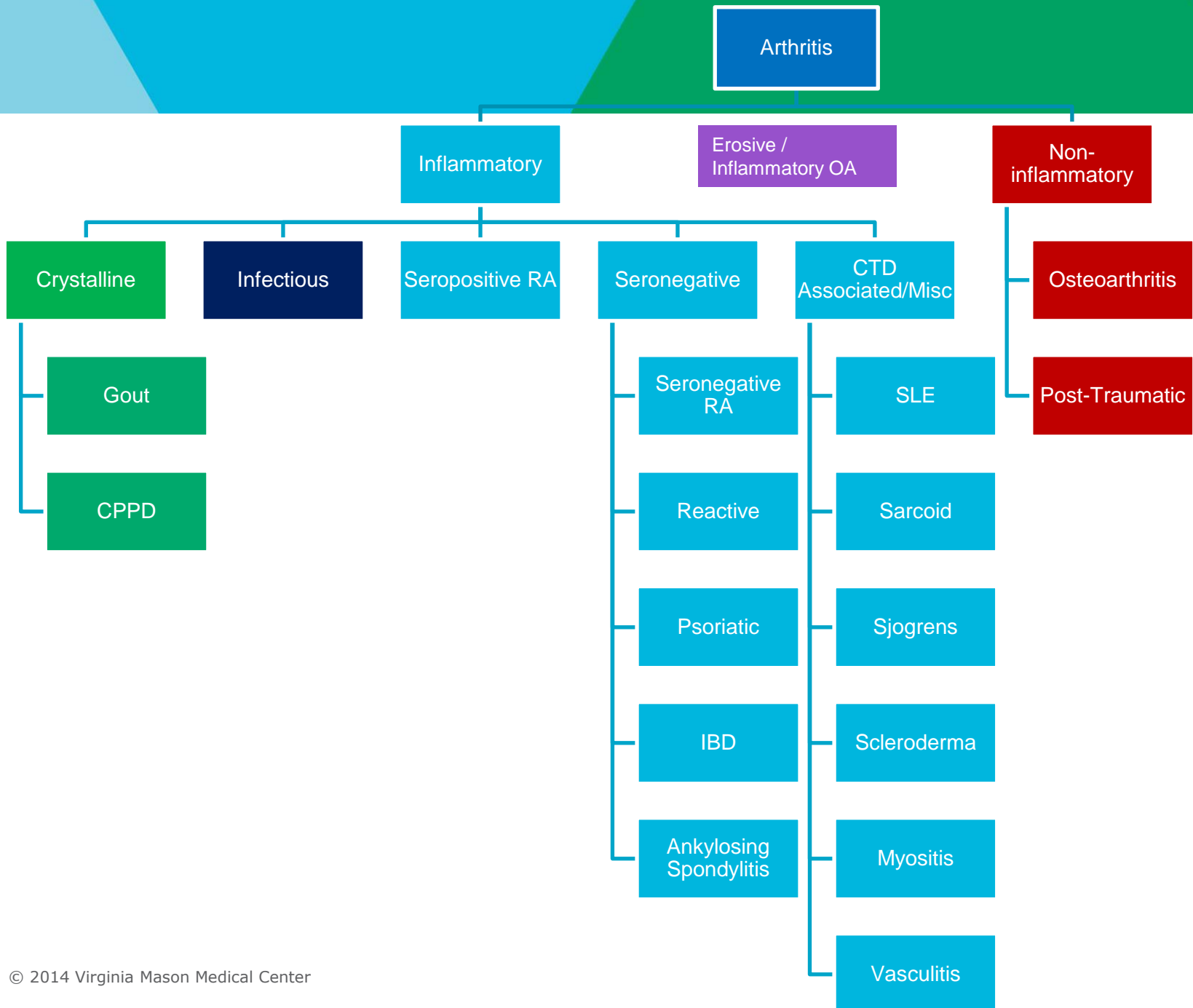
Fellowship
Advanced Training in Specific Rheumatologic Conditions and their Treatments

2-3 years

Total Years of Education and Training: 13 - 14 years

Agenda

- Inflammatory Arthritis
- Laboratory work up
- Radiographic work up
 - RA
 - PsA
 - SpA



Inflammatory vs. Non-inflammatory joint pain

Evaluation of joint pain

History

Physical Exam

Serologic work up

Radiographic work up

Crystalline Arthropathies

Inflammatory vs. Non-inflammatory joint pain

| Feature | Inflammatory Joint Pain | Noninflammatory Joint Pain | Soft Tissue Injury Tendon/Bursa, etc. |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Symptoms | | | |
| Morning stiffness | Usually > 30 min | Local usually < 30 min | Localized and brief |
| Constitutional symptoms | Present (fever, malaise) | None | None |
| Time of major discomfort | After prolonged inactivity | After prolonged use | During and after use |
| Locking/instability | Unlikely in acute joint disease | Suggests internal joint derangement | Unusual unless tendon damage/tear present |
| Signs | | | |
| Swelling | Common | Can be bone | Unusual |
| Tenderness | Diffuse over joint space | Mild over joint line | Localized periarticular |
| Inflammation | Common | Unusual | Over tendon/bursa |
| Instability | Uncommon | Occasional | Uncommon |
| Multisystem disease | More common | No | Unusual |

*Adapted from 1996 ACR guidelines for evaluation of adults with acute musculoskeletal symptoms.

From Schmerling R, Fuchs H: Guidelines for the initial evaluation of the adult patient with acute musculoskeletal symptoms, *Arthritis Rheum* 39:1-8, 1996.

HPI:

Age, occupation, and social, drug, travel and sexual history

Time of day when pain is the worst

Aggravating and relieving factors

Swelling/redness/warmth?

Presence of systemic symptoms

Ocular, oral, respiratory, gastrointestinal or skin symptoms

Recent infection or trauma?

Case 1

24 yo F with asthma presenting to primary care clinic with 2 months of “joint pain”

| Factors for Assessment | Answer eliciting questionnaire |
|-------------------------------|---|
| P- Palliative factors | ‘What makes it better?’ |
| Provocative factors | ‘What makes it worse?’ |
| Q- Quality | ‘What exactly is it like?’ |
| R- Radiation | ‘Does it spread anywhere?’ |
| S- Severity | ‘How severe is it?’ ‘How much does it affect your life?’ |
| T- Temporal factors | ‘Is it there all the time or does it come and go?’ |

Case 1

24 yo F with asthma presenting to primary care clinic with 2 months of “joint pain”.

P: “Taking NSAIDs first thing in the AM. I feel decent by lunch time”

Q: “Deep stiffness, achy”. “My hands, wrists and toes feel hot and full”

R: “Really feels deep in the joints, not spreading”

S: “Keeping me from being able to button my shirts in the morning, hard to hold a cup”

T: “Wakes me up around 3 AM, I feel better after a hot shower and stretching/2-3 hours”

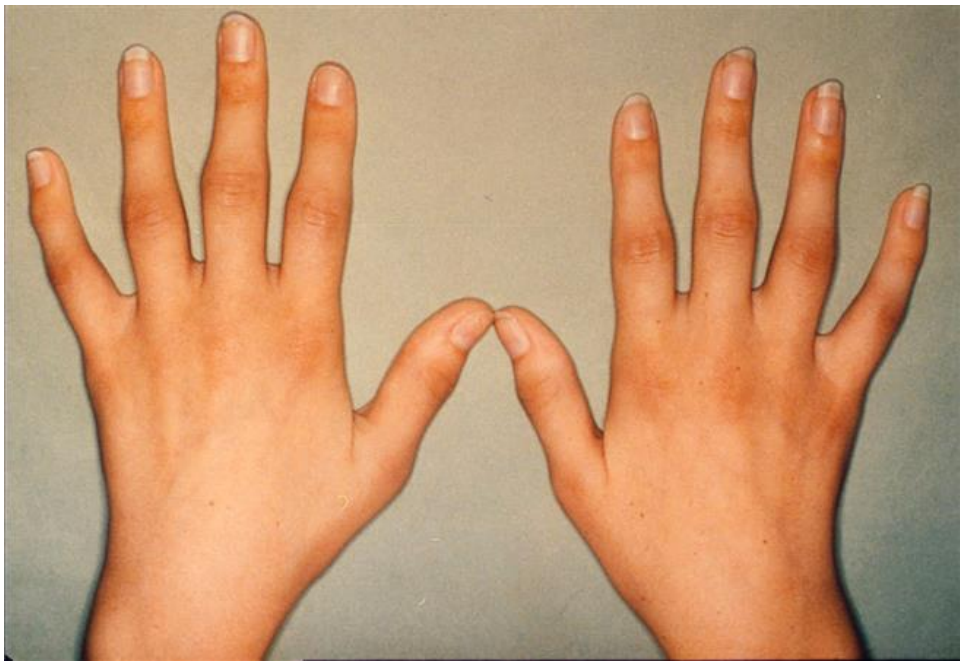
Relatively sudden onset

No recent illnesses or exposures

No history of psoriasis, uveitis, inflammatory bowel disease

No family history of autoimmune disease

Case 1



On exam: fullness of the MCPs and PIPs. Tender over the radiocarpal joints and MTP 5 bilaterally

Case 1

Labs?

- A. Rheumatoid Factor and CCP
- B. Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR)
- C. Anti Nuclear Antibody (ANA)
- D. HLA B27

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RF 205 (<19), CCP 250 (<5)

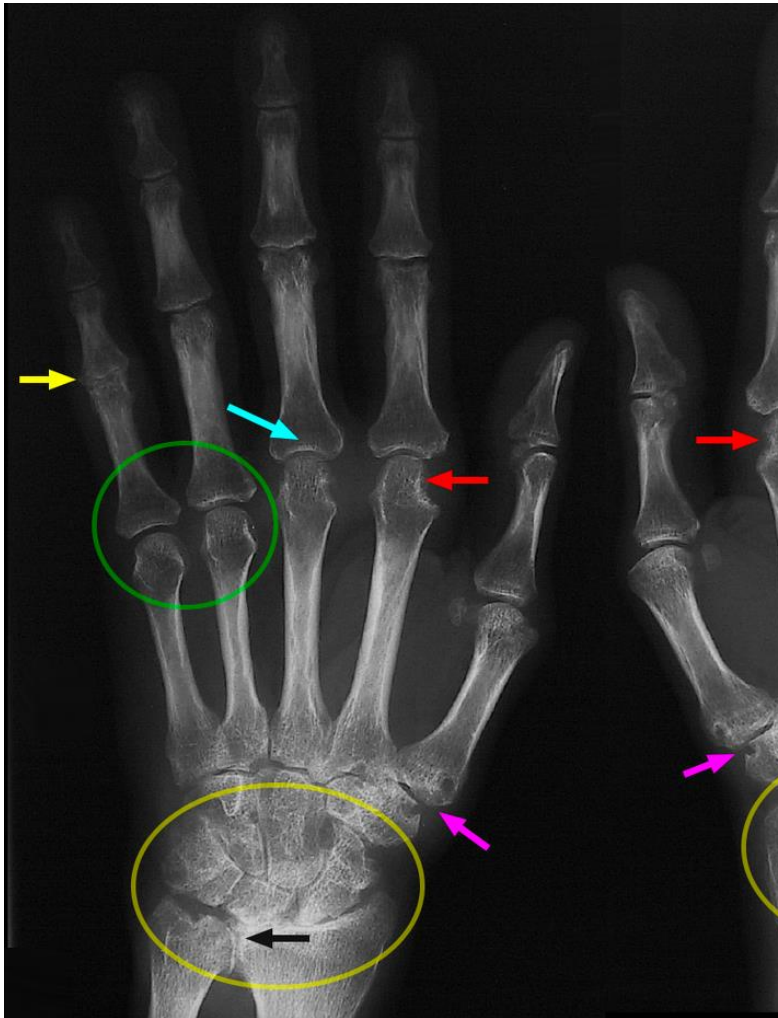
ESR: 25 (<20), CRP: 12 (<0.5)

ANA 1:80 in homogenous pattern

HLA B27: negative

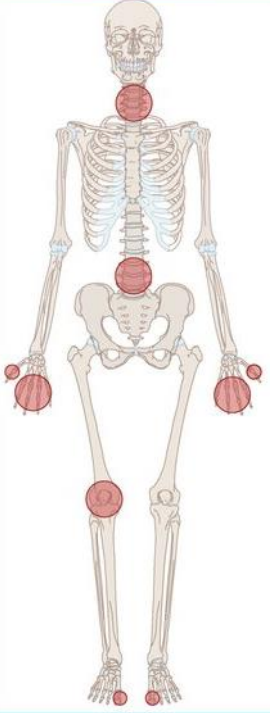
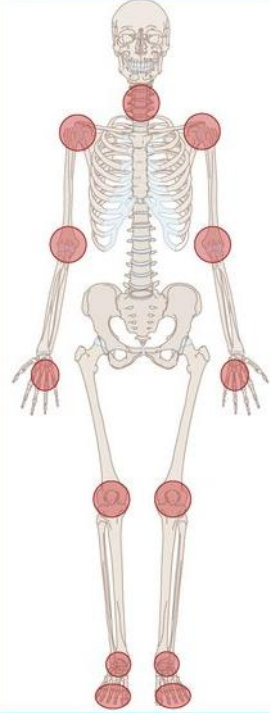

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Imaging:



Classification Criteria (ACR/EULAR 2010)

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| >10 joints (at least one small joint) | 5 |
| Serology | |
| Negative RF AND negative ACPA | 0 |
| Low positive RF OR low positive ACPA | 2 |
| High positive RF OR high positive ACPA | 3 |
| Symptom duration | |
| <6 weeks | 0 |
| ≥6 weeks | 1 |
| Acute phase reactants | |
| Normal CRP AND normal ESR | 0 |
| Abnormal CRP OR abnormal ESR | 1 |

| Osteoarthritis | Rheumatoid arthritis | Psoriatic arthritis |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |
| Asymmetrical polyarthritits | Symmetrical polyarthritits | Asymmetrical polyarthritits or oligoarthritits |
| Predominantly weight-bearing joints Spares wrist and MCP | Wrists, MCP, PIP Spares DIP and first CMC | DIP, spinal involvement, and large joints |

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The major nonrheumatic diseases associated with rheumatoid factor (RF)-positivity

| Condition | Frequency of RF, percent |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Aging (>age 60) | 5 to 25 |
| Infection | |
| Bacterial endocarditis* | 25 to 50 |
| Hepatitis B or hepatitis C* | 20 to 75 |
| Tuberculosis | 8 |
| Syphilis* | Up to 13 |
| Parasitic diseases | 20 to 90 |
| Leprosy* | 5 to 58 |
| Other viral infection* | 15 to 65 |
| Pulmonary disease | |
| Sarcoidosis* | 3 to 33 |
| Interstitial pulmonary fibrosis | 10 to 50 |
| Silicosis | 30 to 50 |
| Asbestosis | 30 |
| Miscellaneous diseases | |
| Primary biliary cholangitis* | 45 to 70 |
| Malignancy* | 5 to 25 |
| After multiple immunizations | 10 to 15 |

* Refers to disorders that may cause symptoms suggestive of rheumatoid arthritis. The best-documented examples of viral infection (in addition to hepatitis B and C) are rubella, mumps, influenza, and HIV. Chagas' disease, Leishmaniasis, onchocerciasis, and schistosomiasis are major parasitic diseases. B cell neoplasms are the most common malignancies.

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Although ACPA testing is more specific than RF for RA, positive results can occur in other diseases:

- Primary Sjogren's Syndrome, Psoriatic Arthritis
- Tuberculosis
- Chronic lung disease (alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)

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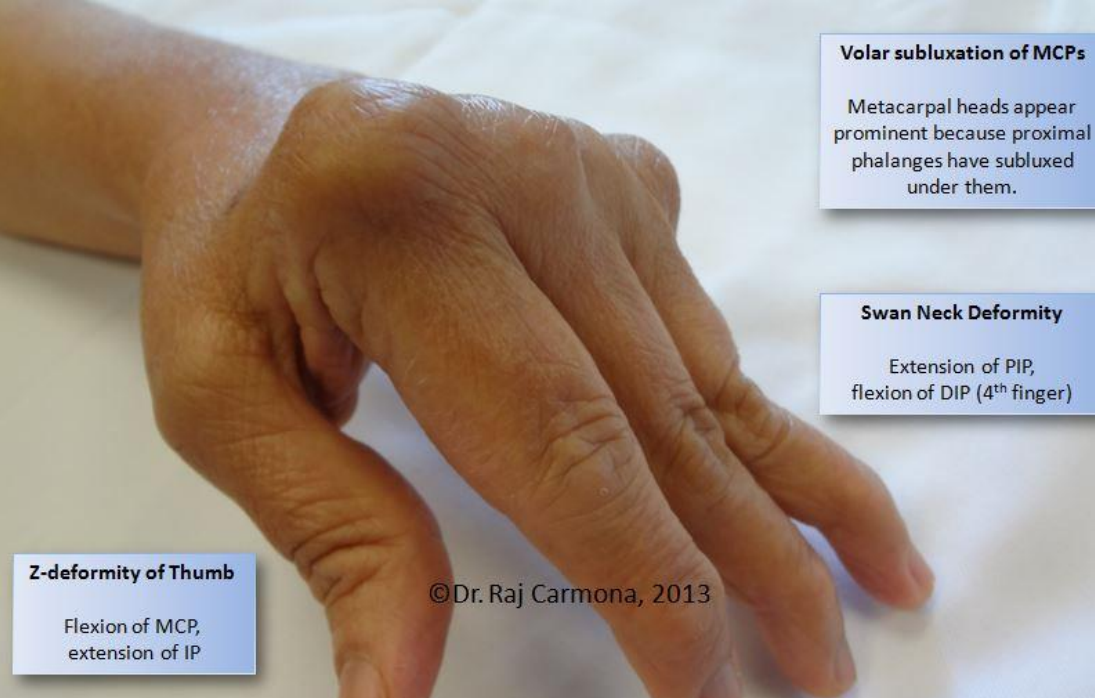
| Viral Pathogen | Characteristic Clinical Features |
|----------------|---|
| Chikungunya | History of travel to endemic area + history of acute febrile illness with severe polyarthritis and or tenosynovitis |
| Rubella | Intensely erythematous maculopapular rash that migrates from head to toes/fingers |
| Parvovirus | Migratory, often additive, arthralgia and arthritis with flu-like illness and variable presence of transient erythematous rash on face or extremities |
| Hepatitis B | HBV transmission risk factors with polyarthritis and variable presence of pruritis, urticaria |
| Hepatitis C | HCV transmission risk factors with tenosynovitis, arthralgia, variable presence of purpura (usually affecting lower extremities) |
| HIV | HIV risk factors associated with features of psoriasis or reactive arthritis |

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| Serology | | |
| Negative RF AND negative ACPA | 0 | Increased ESR: - Systemic and localized inflammatory and infectious diseases - Malignant neoplasms - Tissue injury/ischemia - Trauma |
| Low positive RF OR low positive ACPA | 2 | |
| High positive RF OR high positive ACPA | 3 | |
| Symptom duration | | |
| <6 weeks | 0 | |
| ≥6 weeks | 1 | C-reactive protein Influenced by age, sex, and ethnicity |
| Acute phase reactants | | |
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| Abnormal CRP OR abnormal ESR | 1 | |

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Volar subluxation of MCPs

Metacarpal heads appear prominent because proximal phalanges have subluxed under them.

Swan Neck Deformity

Extension of PIP, flexion of DIP (4th finger)

Z-deformity of Thumb

Flexion of MCP, extension of IP

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Splayed Toes

This indicates synovitis with swelling of the MTPs.

In this young patient with RF+ CCP+ rheumatoid arthritis, synovitis could be felt at the 2nd and 3rd MTPs.

(Please note that synovitis of the MTPs is NOT specific to rheumatoid arthritis)

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Rheumatoid Arthritis



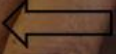
Dorsal subluxation of Ulnar head (due to interruption of radioulnar ligament).



Radial deviation of hand at the wrist



Ulnar deviation of fingers at MCPs



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Case 2

55 yo M with BMI >35, hypertension, hyperlipidemia presenting with 2 years of “joint pain”.

P: “Taking NSAIDs first thing in the AM which helps, feeling a little better by lunch”

Q: “Deep stiffness, achy”. “Swelling in the right knee, left heel and both elbows”

R: “The pain seems to spread from my joints up the tendons”

S: “Been tolerable for a couple years but getting worse last few months

T: “Wakes me up around 5 AM, I feel better after a hot shower and stretching/2-3 hours”

No recent illnesses or exposures

No rashes

Mother with psoriasis, brother with ulcerative colitis

Case 2



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Labs?

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Case 2 Imaging



Classification Criteria



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| 2. Psoriatic nail dystrophy | Typical psoriatic nail dystrophy, including onycholysis, pitting, and hyperkeratosis observed on current physical examination |
| 3. Negative test result for RF | By any method except latex but preferably by ELISA or nephelometry, according to the local laboratory reference range |
| 4. Dactylitis (one of a, b): (a) Current | Swelling of an entire digit |
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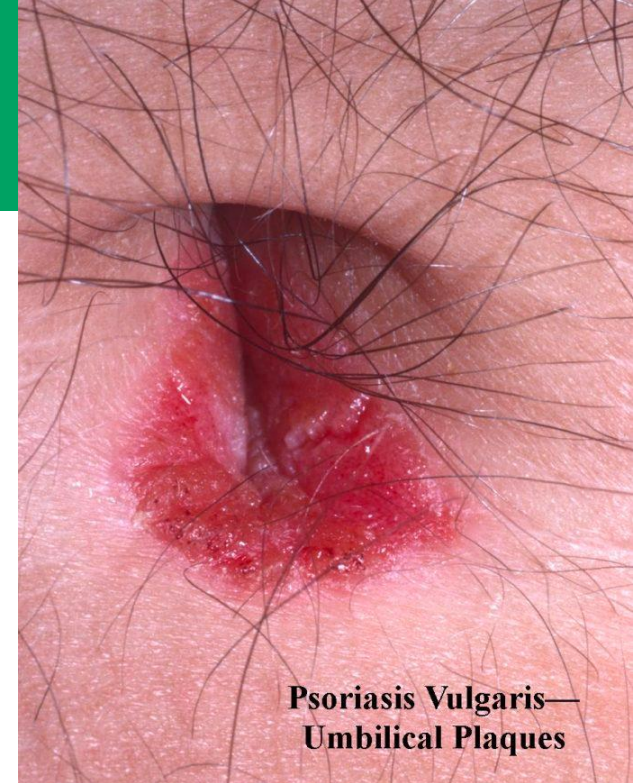
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**Psoriasis Vulgaris—
Umbilical Plaques**

TYPES OF PSORIASIS

**Erythrodermic
Psoriasis**



Nail



**Chronic-
Plaque**



Mild-guttate



**Inverse
psoriasis**



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Case 3

69 yo F with hypertension presenting with 6 months of “joint pain”.

P: “Taking NSAIDs first thing in the AM and PM, worse by the end of the day

Q: Constant dull, burning pain in the PIPs and DIPs, some “wrist” pain

R: “pain stays in the hands”

S: “Been tolerable for a couple years but getting worse last few months

T: “I wake up feeling stiff all over but never gets better, worse with gardening

No recent illnesses or exposures

No rashes

No family history of autoimmune disease, mother with hand OA

Case 3



Case 2

Labs?

- A. RF/CCP negative
- B. ESR/CRP normal
- C. ANA 1:80 homogenous
- D. HLA B27 negative

Radiology



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Erosive Osteoarthritis

Risk factors

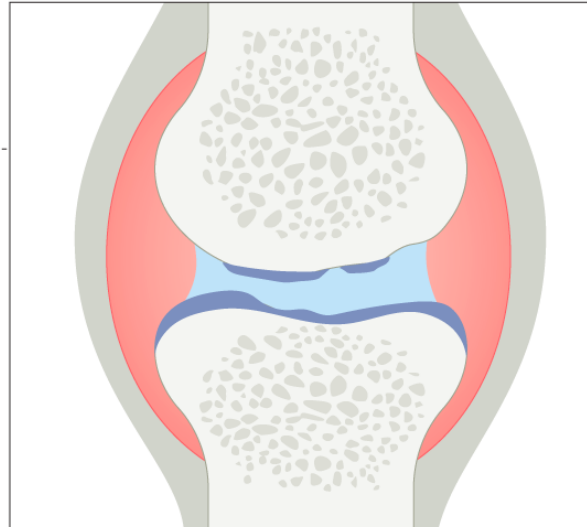
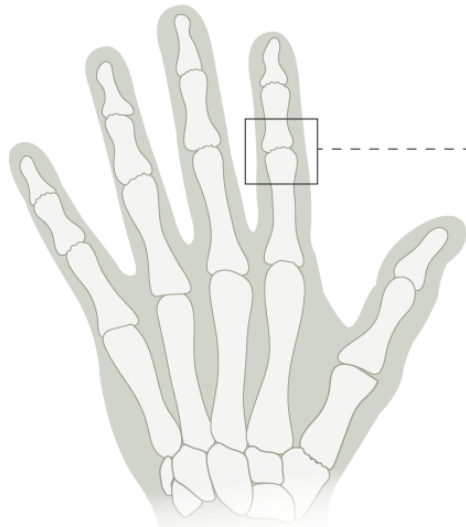
- Female sex
- Obesity
- Hypertension
- Dyslipidaemia

Ultrasonography features

- Joint effusion
- Synovial hypertrophy
- Capsule distention
- Power Doppler positivity
- Cysts

Biomarkers

- ESR
- sIL-2
- CRP
- CTX I
- Col2-3/4C
- MPO
- Visfatin
- CLU
- C2C
- CS846
- HA
- Coll2-1NO₂



Radiological features

- Central collapse
- Joint-space narrowing
- Gull-wing erosions
- Sawtooth erosions
- Ankylosis
- Osteophytes
- Malalignment

MRI features

- Osteophytes
- Malalignment
- Erosion
- Flexor tenosynovitis
- Joint-space narrowing
- Bone-marrow lesions
- Synovitis

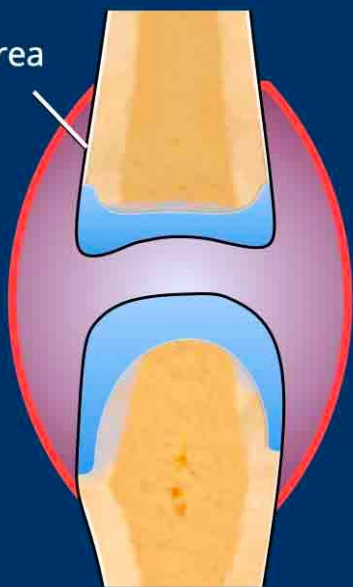
Genetic predisposition

- Genotypes *SERPINA1-PI*MS* and *IL1B 5810 AA*
- HLA alleles *A23, A26, A29, B38, B44, DRB1*01* and *DRB1*07*

Symptoms and signs

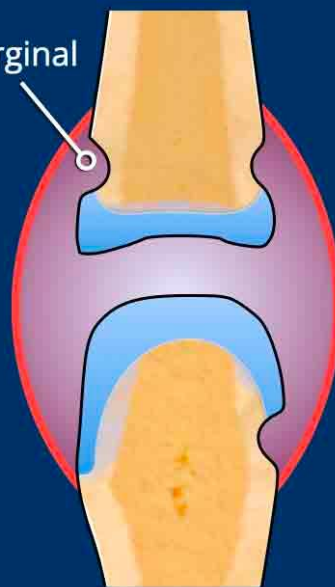
- Pain
- Swelling
- Calor
- Dysaesthesia
- Nodes in DIP and PIP joints
- Redness
- Tenderness
- Subluxation
- Instability
- Ankylosis

bare area



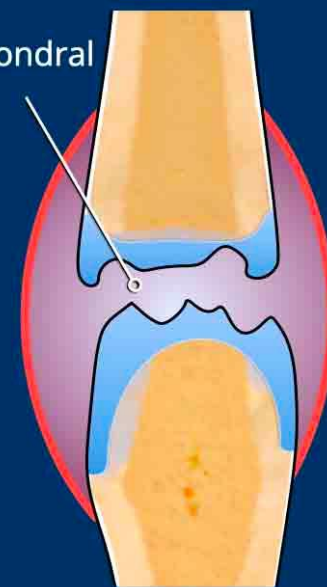
Normal

Marginal



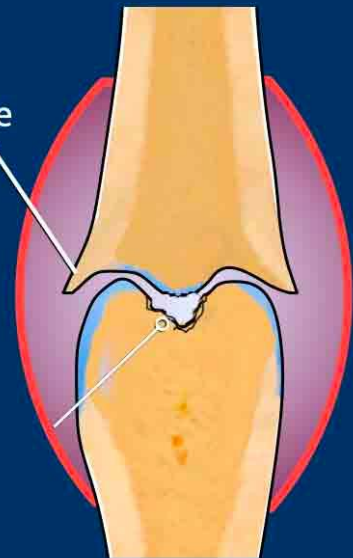
RA

Subchondral



Osteoarthritis

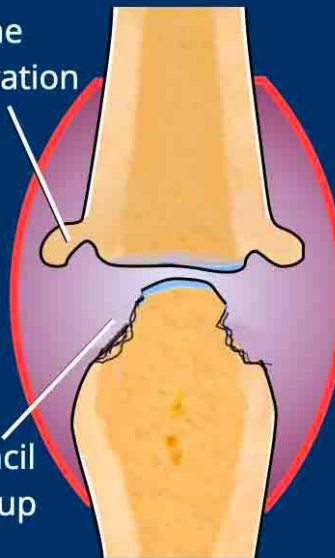
Osteophyte



central erosion

Erosive OA

Bone proliferation

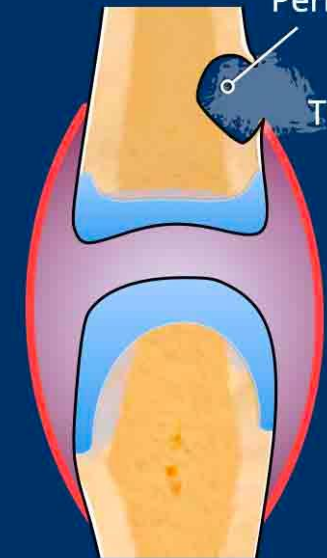


Pencil in cup

Psoriatic

Periarticular

Tophus



Gout

PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS

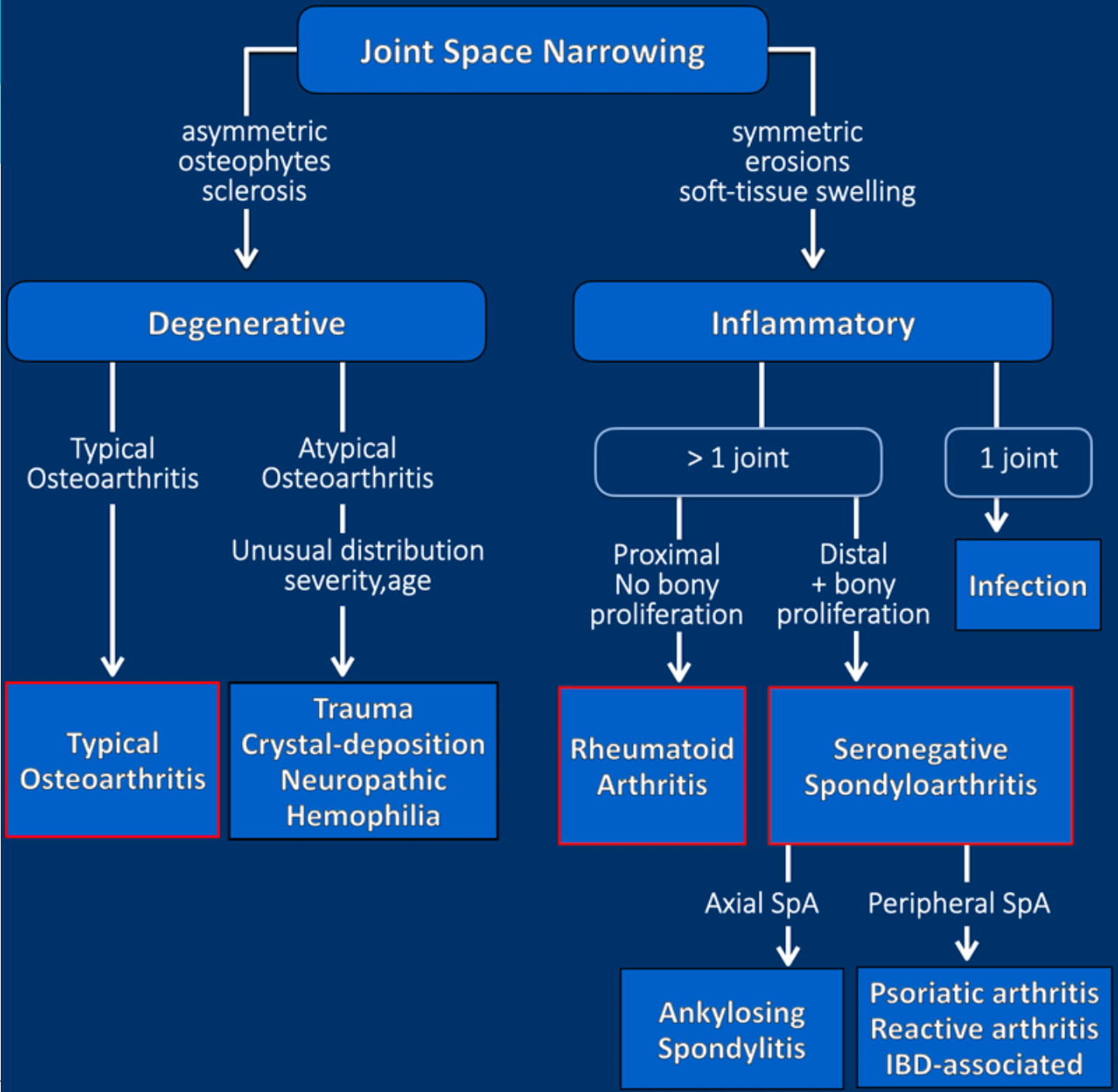


RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS



EROSIVE OSTEOARTHRITIS







1. RA marginal



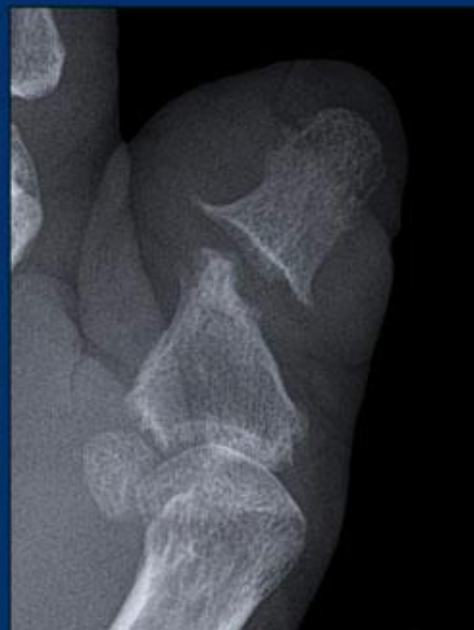
2. Erosive OA



3. Gout



4. Septic arthritis



5. Psoriatic



6. Sclerodermia

When to Order an ANA

- Do you think this patient has an ANA associated Rheumatologic condition?
 1. SLE / drug induced lupus
 2. Scleroderma
 3. Autoimmune Myositis
 4. Sjogren's
- Is this a young person with Raynaud's or older person with new Raynaud's
- New JIA diagnosis

Diseases associated with a positive ANA

| | Percent with positive ANA |
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| Systemic autoimmune diseases | |
| SLE | |
| Active | 98 to 100 percent |
| Remission | 90 percent |
| Scleroderma | 95 percent |
| Rheumatoid arthritis | 45 percent |
| Sjögren's syndrome | 60 percent |
| Mixed connective tissue disease | 100 percent |
| Drug-induced LE | 80 to 95 percent |
| Raynaud's phenomenon | 40 percent |
| Polymyositis/dermatomyositis | 35 percent |
| Juvenile idiopathic arthritis | 15 to 40 percent |

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| Organ-specific autoimmune diseases | |
| Hashimoto's thyroiditis | 50 percent |
| Graves' disease | 50 percent |
| Autoimmune hepatitis | 70 percent |
| Primary biliary cirrhosis | 50 to 70 percent |
| Infectious diseases* | |
| Viral: | |
| EBV | |
| HIV | |
| HCV | |
| Parvovirus 19 | |
| Bacterial: | |
| SBE | |
| Syphilis | |
| Malignancies* | |
| Lymphoproliferative diseases | |
| Paraneoplastic syndromes | |
| Miscellaneous diseases* | |
| Inflammatory bowel disease | |
| Interstitial pulmonary fibrosis | |

ANA: antinuclear antibodies; SLE: systemic lupus erythematosus; EBV: Epstein-Barr virus; HCV: hepatitis C virus; SBE: subacute bacterial endocarditis.

* Although positive tests of ANA are reported in these diseases more often than in healthy controls, precise estimates vary.

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When not to order an ANA

- Known prior positive ANA
- Joint pain with no other concerning clinical or laboratory features for SLE, Sjogren's
- Concern for PMR or GCA
- Concern for fibromyalgia
- Concern for a spondyloarthropathy (ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis, reactive arthritis)
- If you aren't sure which autoimmune disease you're looking for

What to do with that + ANA

If you have a real clinical concern for SLE:

CBC, CMP, ds-DNA, C3, C4, UA with urine protein/Cr

Call Rheumatology

Young person with Raynaud's or older person with new Raynaud's + ANA:

Pulmonary screening

Prior to Rheumatology Referral

If you think the patient has an autoimmune/inflammatory arthritis:

- CBC with diff
- CMP
- ESR / CRP
- RF and CCP
- Uric acid
- XR of hands, feet and more painful joints
- HLA B27 (if you suspect spondyloarthropathy)
- Hepatitis B/C screening panel
- Quantiferon gold or PPD
- Relevant STI testing if indicated or concern for infectious etiology

When to order an **ANA**: if you think the patient has an ANA associated disease (lupus, scleroderma, autoimmune myositis, Sjogrens)

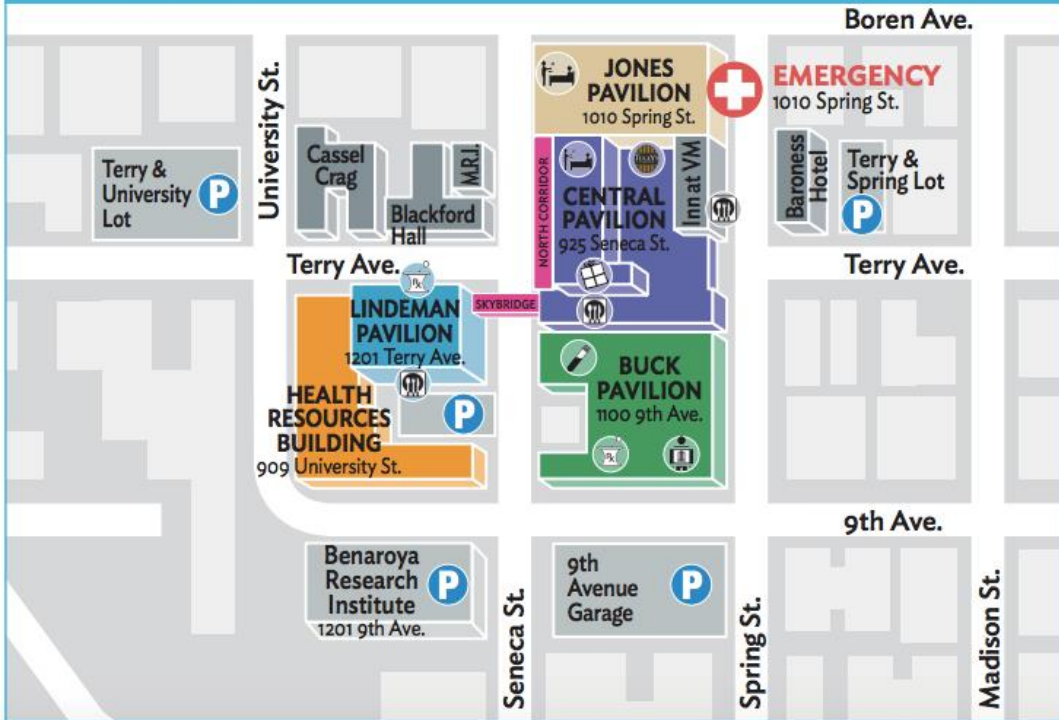
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