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Psoriatic Arthritis

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Objectives

At the completion of this activity, the participants will be able to:

- Review the CASPAR criteria for psoriatic arthritis
- Describe the typical presentation of psoriatic arthritis
- Briefly discuss some of the common treatment agents for psoriatic arthritis

Typical Presentation of Psoriatic Arthritis

Psoriasis (Ps, or PsO) and Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)

Skin psoriasis affects about 2 - 3% of the population

Psoriatic arthritis

5% to 39% of patients with psoriasis

Current consensus is ~25% of psoriasis patients

Estimated 1 million cases in the USA

This puts PsA about on par with RA!

15% of cases in early synovitis clinics

Equal incidence in males and females

Peak onset in late 20s to 30s

PsA: Clinical Features

- Cutaneous disease
 - Psoriatic plaques
 - Guttate / pustular / erythrodermic variants
 - Onycholysis / nail pitting
- Inflammatory polyarthritis
 - Asymmetric
 - Symmetric
 - Axial
- Dactylitis
- Enthesitis
- Rheumatoid Factor Negative

Psoriatic Arthritis: Clinical Types

- 5 clinical subsets described by Moll and Wright
- Distal interphalangeal (DIP) involvement
- Polyarticular arthritis (absence of rheumatoid nodules and presence of psoriasis)
- Arthritis mutilans
- Asymmetric peripheral arthritis
- Axial or Ankylosing Spondylitis-like

Psoriatic Arthritis Presentation

- Skin disease typically precedes joint disease by up to 10 years
(your established PsO patient presents with a new c/o joint pain and swelling)
- 10% present with joint disease first, skin later
- No correlation between severity of skin and joint disease, although presence of joint disease is more likely with severe skin disease
- Nail findings associated with nearby joint disease?
- Enthesitis and tendonitis are common findings

CASPAR Criteria for PsA

Established inflammatory articular disease (joint, spine, or enthesal)		
With 3 or more of the following		
1. Psoriasis (A or B or C)	(a) Current	Psoriatic skin or scalp disease present today as judged by a rheumatologist (score TWO points)
	(b) History	A history of psoriasis that may be obtained from patient, family doctor, dermatologist or rheumatologist
	(c) Family history	A history of psoriasis in a first or second degree relative according to patient report
2. Psoriasis		Typical psoriatic nail dystrophy including onycholysis, pitting and hyperkeratosis observed on current physical examination
3. A negative test for RF		By any method except latex, but preferably by ELISA or nephelometry, according to the local laboratory reference range
4. Dactylitis (A or B)	(a) Current	Swelling of an entire digit
	(b) History	A history of dactylitis recorded by a rheumatologist
5. Radiological evidence of juxta-articular new bone formation		Ill-defined ossification near joint margins (but excluding osteophyte formation) on plain x-rays of hand or foot

Psoriatic Arthritis Differential Diagnosis

- Osteoarthritis
 - Brief morning stiffness, if at all
 - Bony DIP growth without inflammation
 - Slowly progressive
- Rheumatoid arthritis
 - Symmetrical arthritis
 - Positive rheumatoid factor and/or anti-CCP antibodies
 - Radiographic differences
- Ankylosing Spondylitis
 - Symmetrical bony change in spine

Asymmetric Oligoarthritis



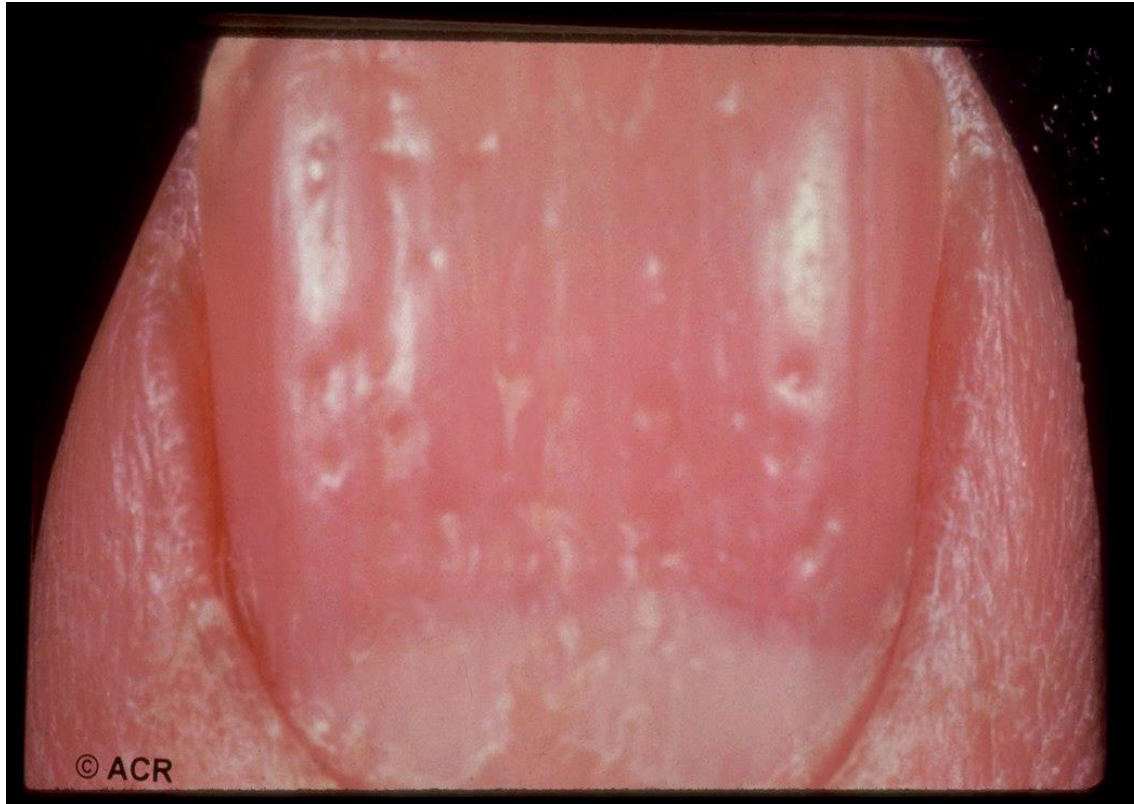
PIP and DIP Synovitis



DIP Synovitis with Nail Changes

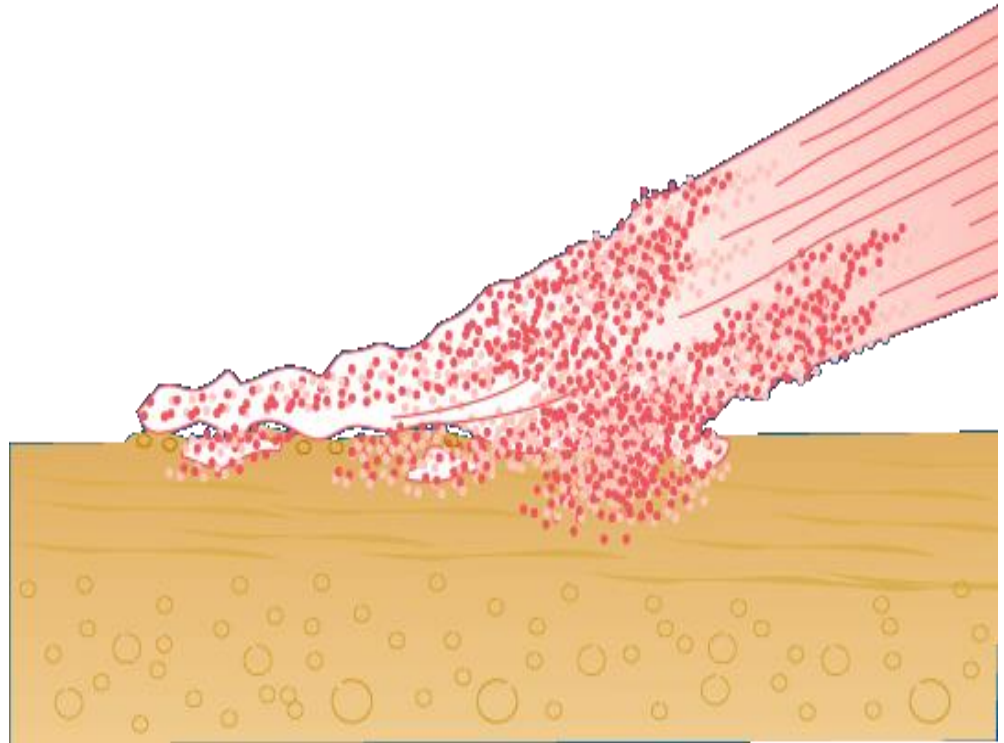


Fingernail Pitting



Inflammatory Enthesopathy

- Subchondral bone inflammation and resorption
- Periosteal new bone formation
- May explain nail changes



Dactylitis



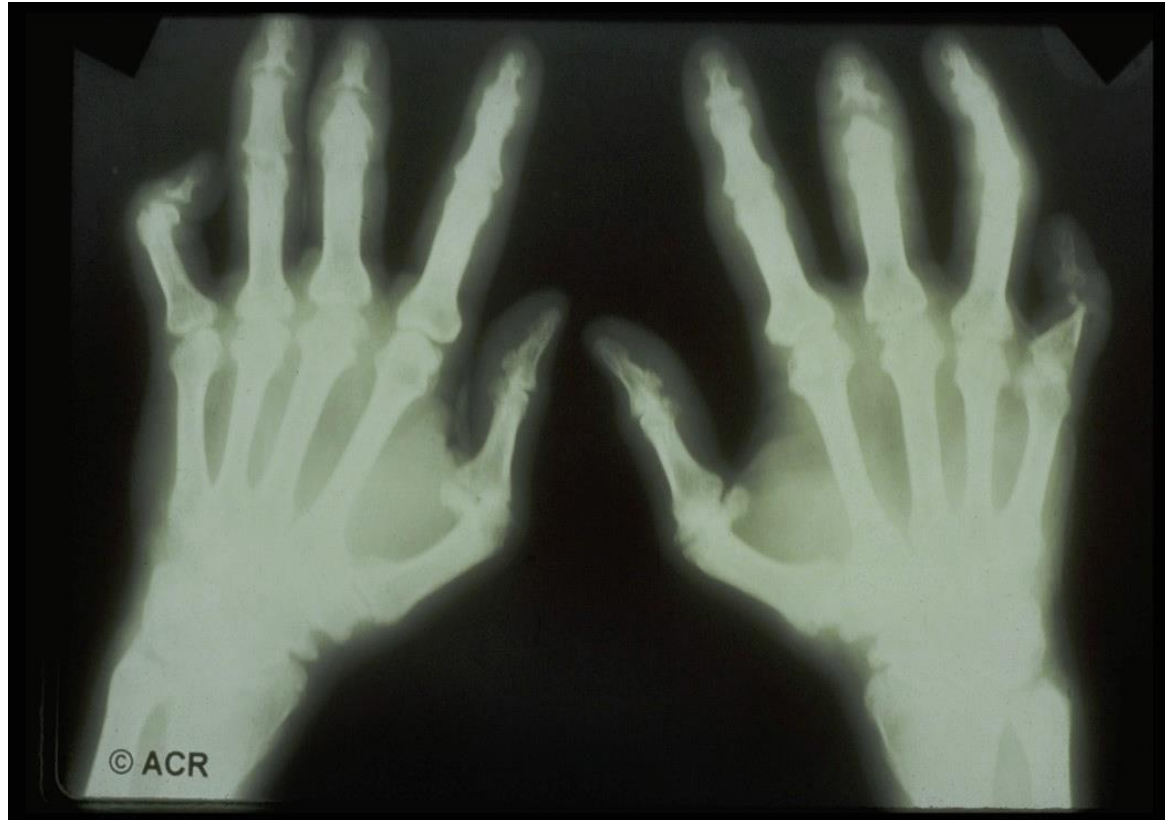
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Arthritis Mutilans



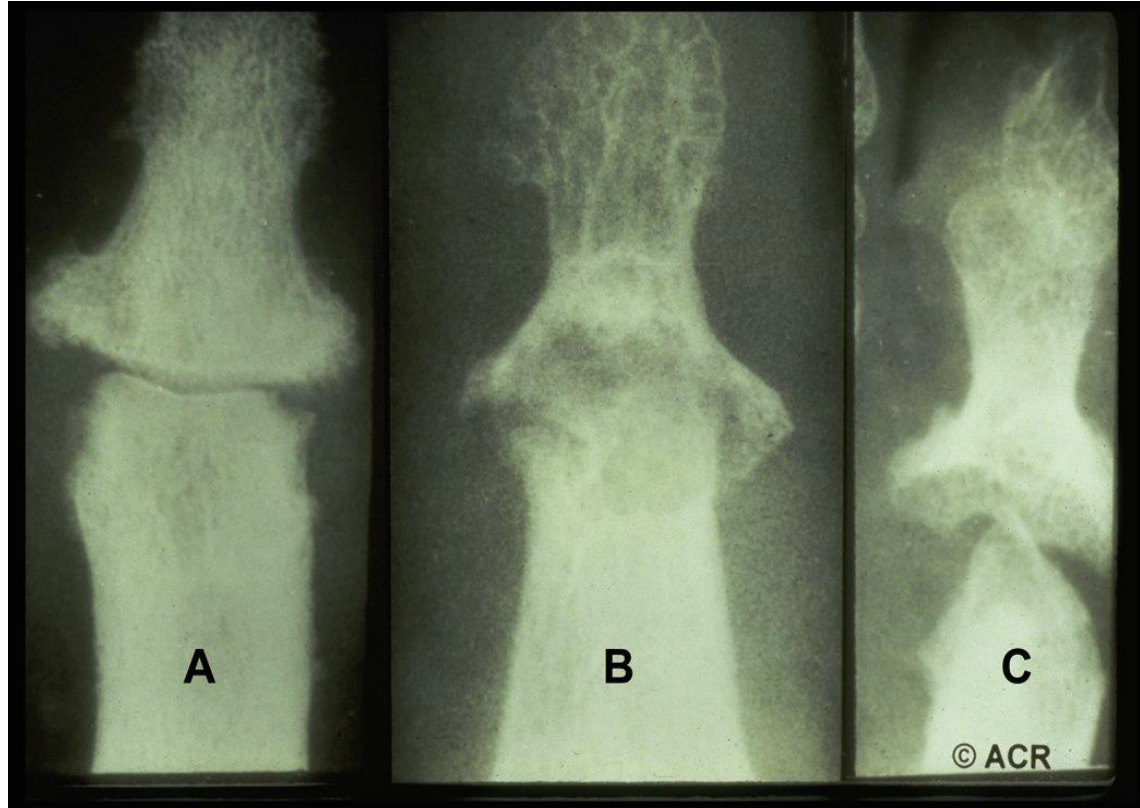
Destructive Arthritis



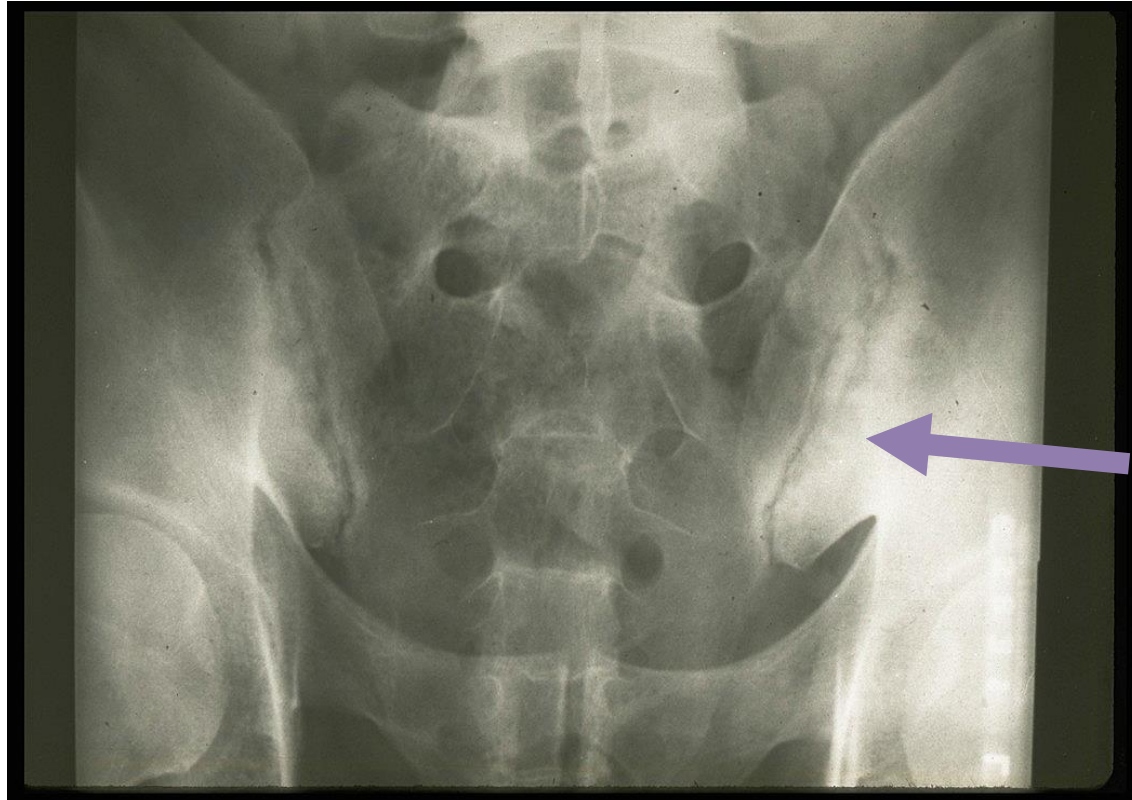
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Productive Erosions (Pencil in Cup)



Sacroiliitis



Selection of a Treatment Agent

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SPECIAL ARTICLE

2018 American College of Rheumatology/National Psoriasis Foundation Guideline for the Treatment of Psoriatic Arthritis

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General Comments on Treatment

- There are no “pathways” in the guideline – only pairwise comparisons in each of a number of situations
- There is a lot to learn from the “gotchas” so these should be read and considered

The PsA “Toolbox”

- NSAIDs ★
- Glucocorticoids
- Oral Small Molecules
 - Methotrexate
 - Leflunomide
 - Sulfasalazine
 - Cyclosporine
- TNF alpha inhibitors
 - Etanercept ★
 - Adalimumab ★
 - Infliximab ★
 - Certulizimab ★
 - Golimumab ★

- Local Glucocorticoid Injections
- New MOA therapies
 - Ustekinumab (IL12/23i)
 - Apremilast (PDE4i)
 - Secukinumab (IL17i) ★
 - Abatacept (CTLA4 Ig)
 - Ixekizumab (IL17i) ★
 - Tofacitinb (JAK3)
 - Guselkumab (IL23i) NEW 7/2020
 - Upadacitinib (JAK1) NEW 12/2021
 - Rizankizumab (IL23i) NEW 1/2022

- Adjunct Therapy
(limited evidence)
- Physical therapy
 - Occupational therapy
 - Exercise
 - Weight Loss
 - Dietary Changes?
 - Acupuncture
 - Omega-3-FA
 - Patient Education
 - Social Support
 - Talk Therapy

★ = option for spondylitis

NSAIDs

- Favored first-line only in peripheral arthritis and axial arthritis
- Not disease-modifying

Injected Corticosteroids

- Favored only in peripheral arthritis and dactylitis

DMARDs

- Includes methotrexate, sulfasalazine, leflunomide
- Strongly favored only in peripheral arthritis
- Can be used in dactylitis, skin (not sulfasalazine), nail disease
- NOT useful in axial disease, enthesitis

Biologics

- Includes inhibitors of TNF, IL-12/23, IL-17
- Favored in all manifestations, with varying levels of primacy

Treatment Modalities Unique to Psoriatic Arthritis

New MOA therapies

Ustekinumab (IL12/23i)

Apremilast (PDE4i)

Secukinumab (IL17i) 


Ixekizumab (IL17i) 

Guselkumab (IL23i)

NEW 7/2020

Rizankizumab (IL23i)

NEW 1/2022

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Apremilast (Otezla™)

- Oral
- Inhibits phosphodiesterase 4 (PDE4)
- Allows cAMP to accumulate
- Decreases inflammatory cytokines
 TNF α , IFN γ , IL-12, IL-23, IL-17, IL-22...
- Warnings for diarrhea (~15%), weight loss, and
- neuropsychiatric effects (depression, suicidal ideation, mood changes)

Ustekinumab (Stelara™)

- SQ
- Inhibits IL12/23 (p40 subunit)
- Affects TH1 and TH17 cells

- Warnings for hypersensitivity, infection (incl TB), Ab formation, malignancy (NMSC), neurotoxicity

Secukinumab (Cosentyx™) Ixekizumab (Taltz™)

- SQ
- Inhibit IL17
- Warnings for hypersensitivity, infection (incl TB), new or worsening IBD

Guselkumab (Tremfya™)

Risankizumab (Skyrizi™)

- SQ
- Inhibit only IL23 (p19 subunit)
- Affects TH17 cells

- Warnings for hypersensitivity, infection (incl TB), hepatotoxicity (risankizumab in Crohn's)

Lifestyle Treatment Options?

Adjunct Therapy
(limited evidence)

Weight Loss

Dietary Changes?

Omega-3-FA

Lifestyle Treatment Options?

JAMA Dermatology | Review

Dietary Recommendations for Adults With Psoriasis or Psoriatic Arthritis From the Medical Board of the National Psoriasis Foundation A Systematic Review

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Lifestyle Treatment Options?

- Systematic review of 55 studies
- Representing 4534 patients
- Findings reviewed and voted upon by the NPF Medical Board

Weight Loss?

- **Strongly Recommend** weight loss via diet for both psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis in BMI ≥ 25 [level of evidence: A for psoriasis, B for psoriatic arthritis]

Gluten-Free?

- **Strongly Recommend** gluten-free diet for psoriasis (not psoriatic arthritis) in known celiac patients [level of evidence: A]
- **Recommend** a trial of 3 mo gluten-free for psoriasis (not psoriatic arthritis) as an adjunct treatment in patients seropositive for gluten sensitivity [level of evidence: B]
- **Do Not Recommend** universal screening for gluten sensitivity
 - Due to high false-positive rate
 - Screen only those who are symptomatic or have an affected first-degree relative

Mediterranean Diet?

- **Weakly Recommend** a trial of Mediterranean diet for psoriasis (not psoriatic arthritis) [level of evidence: C]

Omega-3 / Fish Oil?

- **Weakly Recommend** a trial of purified omega-3 including eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosapentaenoic acid (DHA) for psoriasis (not psoriatic arthritis) [level of evidence: C]
- **Do Not Recommend** unpurified fish oil for psoriasis nor psoriatic arthritis

Vitamin D?

- **Recommend** a trial of oral vitamin D (0.5 µg alfacalcidol or 0.5-2.0 µg calcitriol daily) as adjunct for psoriatic arthritis [level of evidence: B]
- **Do Not Recommend** vitamin D for psoriasis

Vitamin B12?

- **Do Not Recommend** vitamin B12 for psoriasis

Selenium?

- **Do Not Recommend** selenium for psoriasis
- **Insufficient Data** to comment on selenium in psoriatic arthritis

Open Discussion

Thank You!