

TOPIC: A-27 RHEUMATOLOGY

OBJECTIVE: To be able to assess and initiate management of patients presenting with rheumatological problems, e.g. exacerbations of neck pain, shoulder pain, back pain. Specifically to be able to examine all joints, and interpret signs of rheumatological disease.

PROBLEM	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS/ATTITUDES	LEARNING	ASSESSMENT
1. Acute monoarthritis	Causes and disease associations	<p>To be able to initiate investigations - undertake joint aspiration.</p> <p>To explore the differential diagnosis and specifically to identify those patients who may have septic arthritis.</p> <p>Identify those patients who require admission.</p>	<p>LP</p> <p>LT</p> <p>GT</p> <p>PS</p> <p>ODA</p> <p>ODB</p>	<p>OC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>DOPS</p> <p>ME</p> <p>FFAEM</p> <p>MFAEM</p>
2. Acute low back pain.	<p>To know the causes – malignant, septic, locomotor, renal, urological, neurological, AAA.</p> <p>Cauda equina – syndrome.</p> <p>Guidelines for the treatment and investigation of acute low back pain.</p>	<p>To be able to initiate investigations to explore the differential diagnosis.</p> <p>Identify when to consult with other specialties e.g., orthopaedic/neurosurgery.</p> <p>Understand when plain radiology required.</p>	<p>LP</p> <p>LT</p> <p>GT</p> <p>PS</p>	<p>OC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>CBD</p> <p>ME</p> <p>FFAEM</p> <p>MFAEM</p>

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3. Other topics	Acute polyarthritis Crystal arthropathies Osteoarthritis Rheumatoid arthritis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - c-spine - masking of septic arthritis Tendonitis Tenosynovitis Bursitis Peripheral nerve syndromes Complications of drugs used in rheumatic diseases Reflex and sympathetic dystrophy		LP LT GT PS ODA	OC ME FFAEM MFAEM