



# Osteoarthritis Rheumatoid Arthritis & Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

# Arthritis

“arthr” = joint

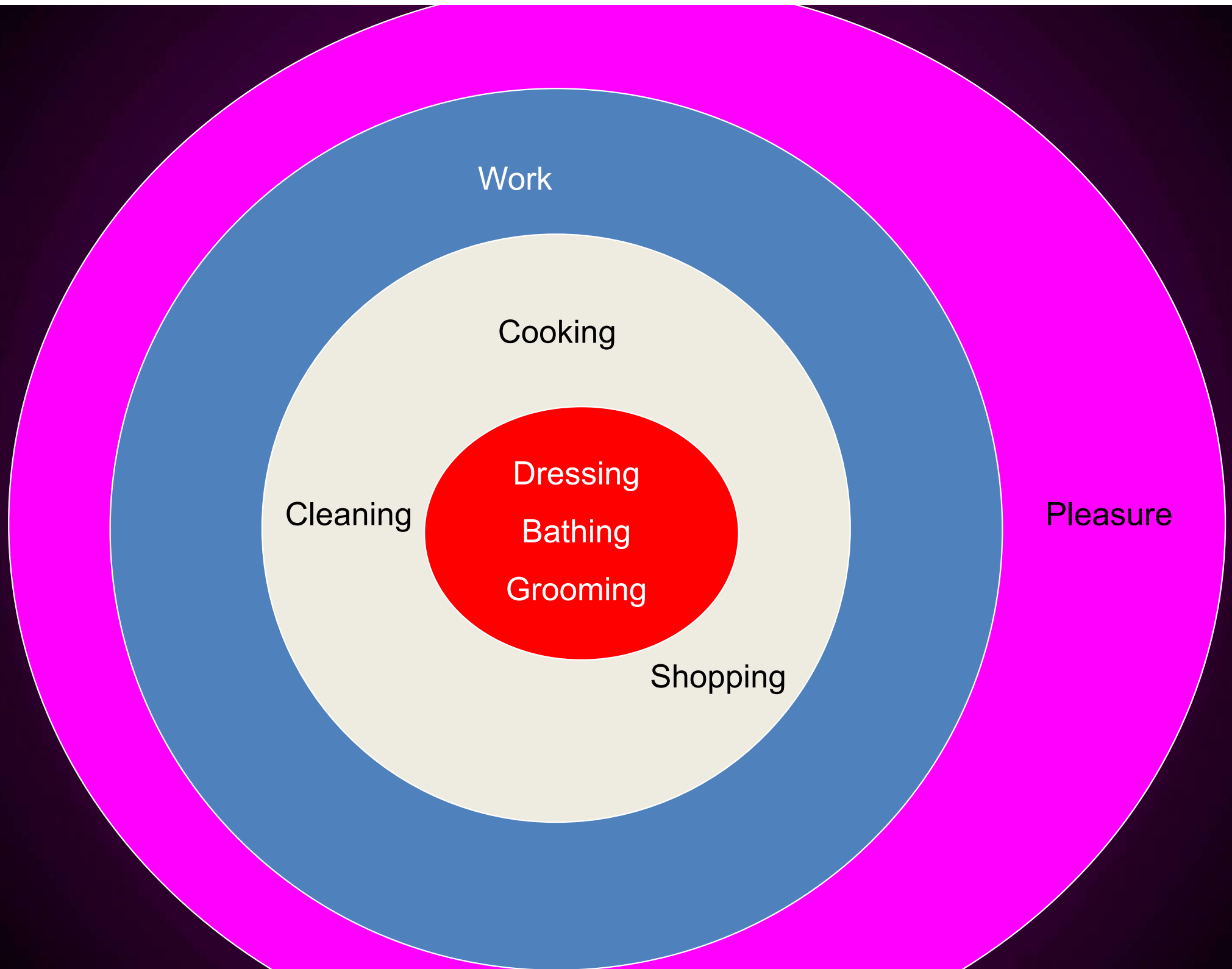
“itis” = inflammation

“Arthritis can affect babies and children, as well as people in the prime of their lives”



Osteoarthritis  
Rheumatoid Arthritis  
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus  
Gout  
Childhood Arthritis (Juvenile  
Idiopathic Arthritis)





Work

Cooking

Dressing

Bathing

Grooming

Shopping

Cleaning

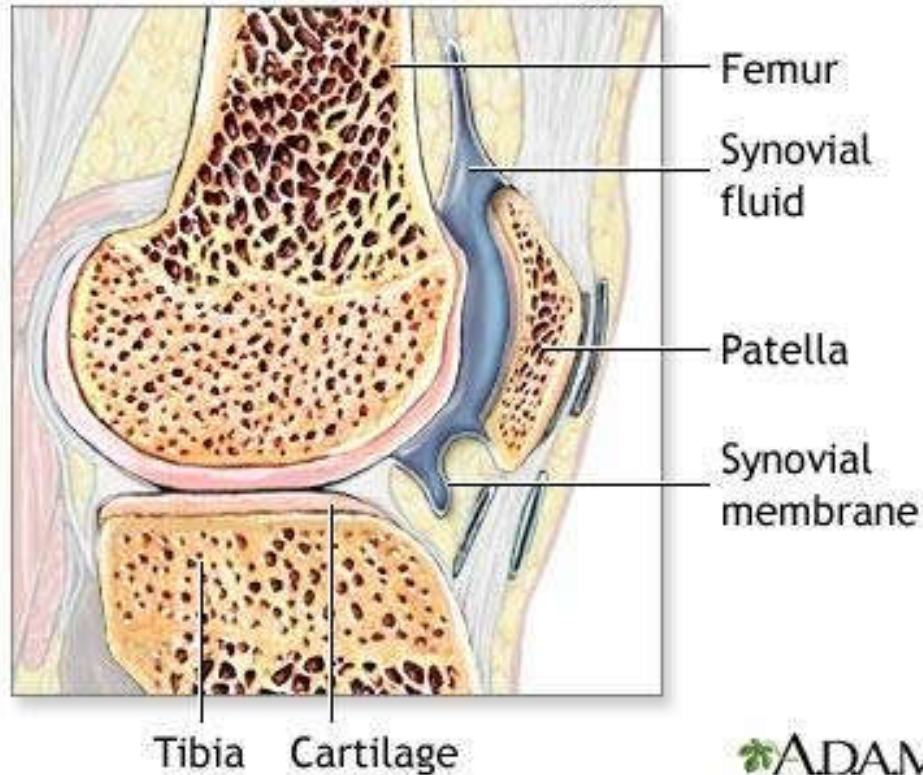
Pleasure

# Facts

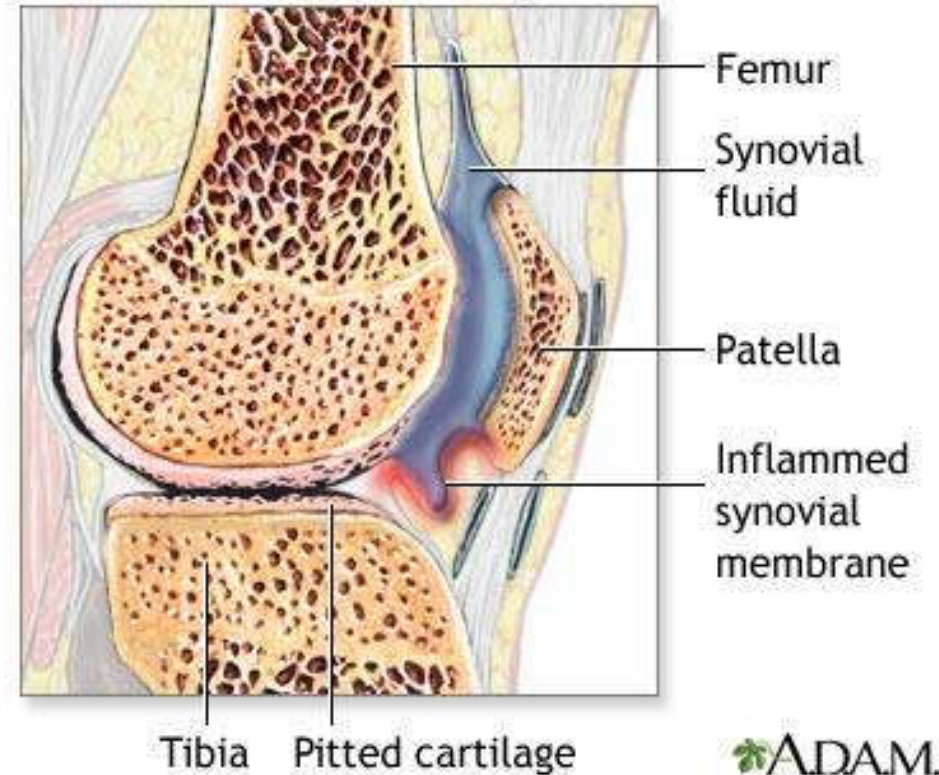
- **Leading** cause of disability .
- Affects **1 in 6** individuals
- 2/3 individuals with arthritis are **women**
- One of the most **prevalent** chronic joint diseases
- Skeletal remains from humans living **4500BC** show signs of arthritis
- Has caused more deaths than **melanoma, asthma, or HIV/AIDS**
- Only **1.3% of research** is dedicated to arthritis.

# Anatomy of the Joint

Cut-section view of normal knee joint



Cut-section view of knee joint



## Articular/hyaline cartilage

- acts as a shock absorber
- allows for friction-free movement
- not innervated!

## Synovial membrane/synovium

- secretes synovial fluid
- nourishes cartilage
- cushions the bones

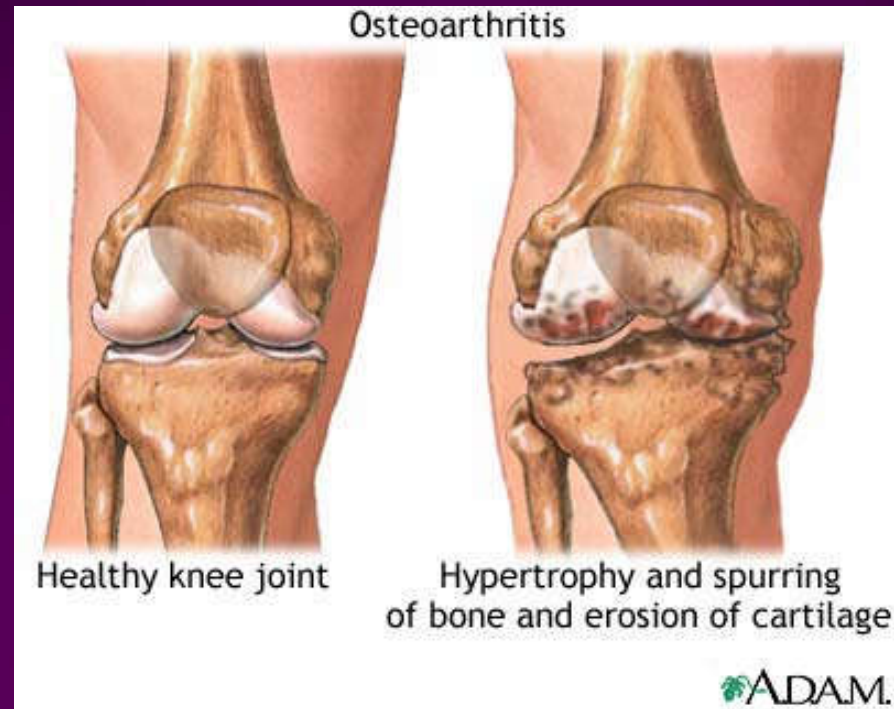
# Osteoarthritis

Most common form of arthritis

Osteoarthritis is defined as “a degenerative joint disease characterized by destruction of the articular cartilage and overgrowth of bone”



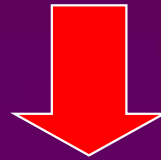
# Pathophysiology



**Normal Joint:** Cartilage covers the end of bones to act as a shock absorber and to promote smooth movement of the joint.

**Osteoarthritis:** Cartilage wears down over time. Patients may experience a painful bone-on-bone articulation.

Mechanical injury  
Previous Joint Damage  
Genetic & hormonal factors



**Chondrocyte response**



**Release of cytokines**



Release of proteolytic enzymes, metalloproteases, collagenase



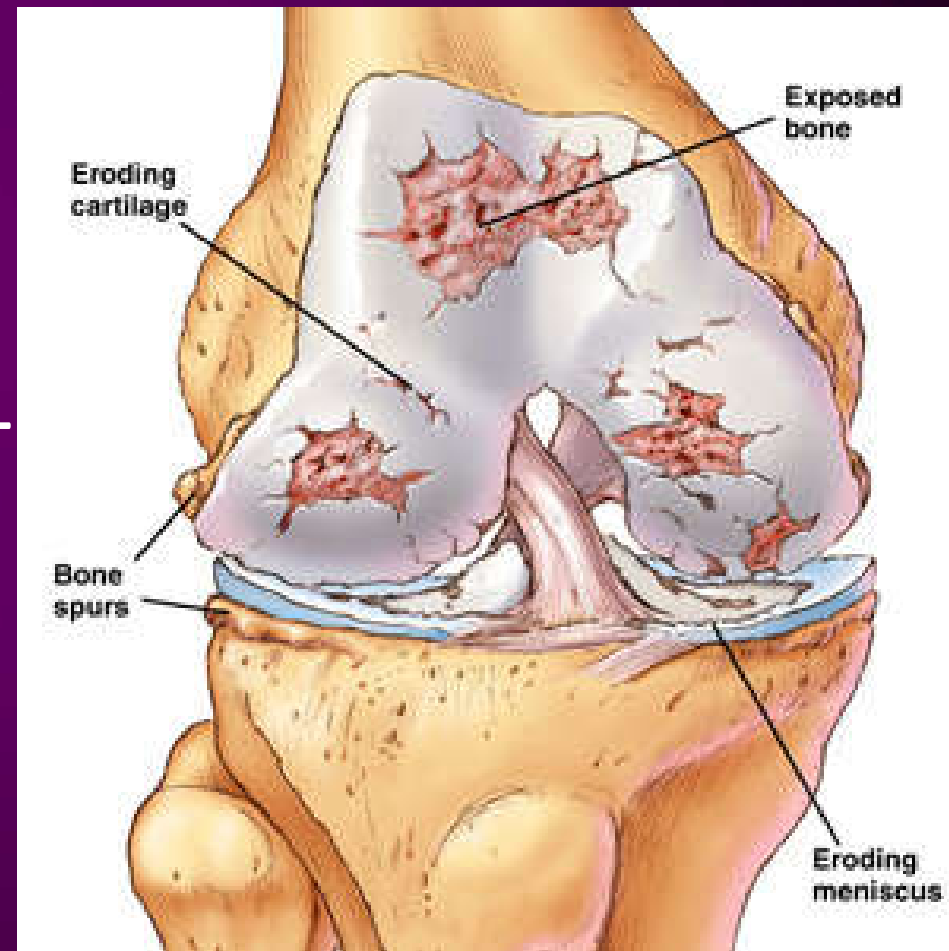
**Resulting damage predisposes to a further chondrocyte response**



# Primary & Secondary Osteoarthritis

**Primary Osteoarthritis** – no identifiable reason for arthritis development.

**Secondary Osteoarthritis** – a likely cause for osteoarthritis exists (e.g. joint injury among professional athletes).



# Risk Factors

- Age
- Female versus male sex
- Obesity
- Osteoporosis
- Occupation
- Sports activities
- Previous injury
- Muscle weakness
- Proprioceptive deficits
- Genetic elements
- Acromegaly
- Calcium crystal deposition disease

# Diagnosis

(Day et al., 2010; National Institute of Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Diseases, 2010).

Clinical history

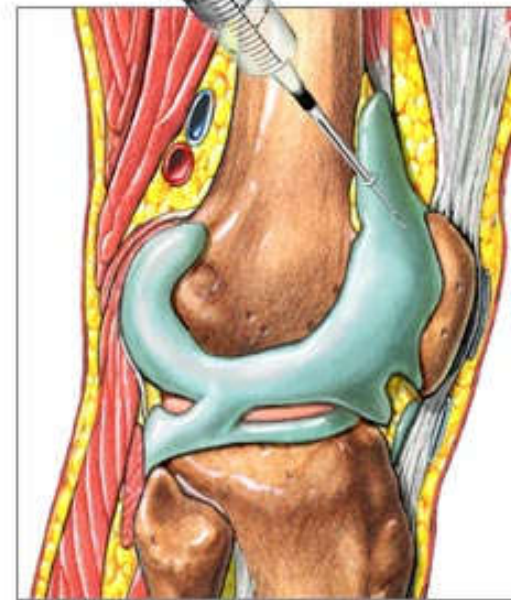
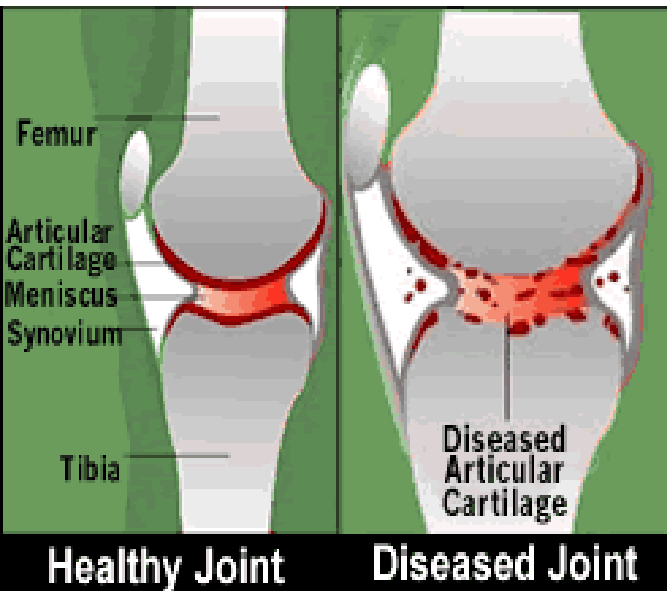
X-rays

Physical Assessment

MRI

Joint Aspirate

The Effect of Osteoarthritis



Needle is inserted into the joint, and fluid is withdrawn

# Clinical Diagnosis

- Symptoms
  - Pain
  - Stiffness
  - swelling
- Physical examination
  - Crepitus
  - Bony enlargement
  - Decreased range of motion
  - Malalignment
  - Tenderness to palpation
- The more features, the more likely the diagnosis

# Differential Diagnosis

- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Gout
- CPPD (Calcium pyrophosphate crystal deposition disease)
- Septic Joint
- Polymyalgia Rheumatica

# Synovial fluid analysis

- Severe, acute joint pain is an uncommon manifestation of OA
- Clear fluid WBC  $<2000/\text{mm}^3$
- Normal viscosity



# Radiographic Features

- Joint space narrowing
- Subchondral sclerosis
- Marginal osteophytes
- Subchondral cyst

# Joint Space Narrowing

- OA typically asymmetrical



Paget's disease

# Subchondral Sclerosis

- Increased bone density or thickening in the subchondral layer



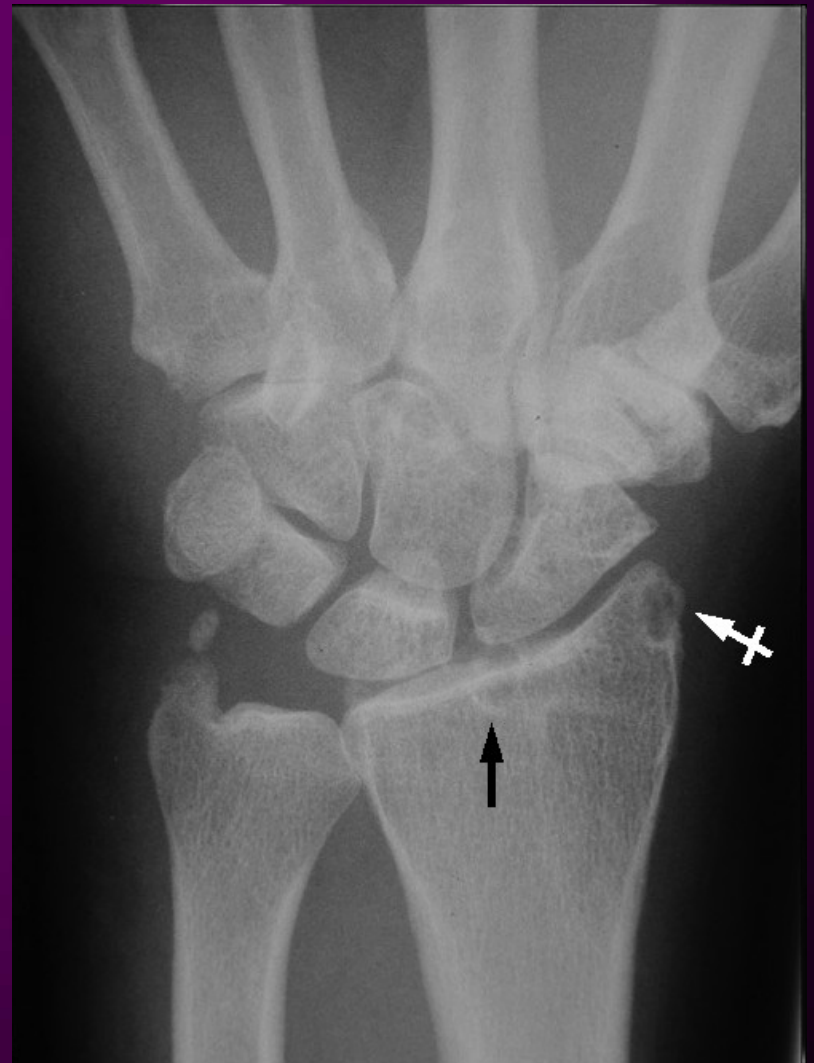
# Osteophytes

- Bone spurs



# Subchondral Cysts

- Fluid-filled sacs in subchondral bone



# OA of the Knee: Classic Criteria

1. Greater than 50 years of age
  2. Morning stiffness for less than 30 minutes
  3. Crepitus on active motion of the knee
  4. Bony tenderness
  5. Bony enlargement
  6. No palpable warmth
- 3 of 6 criteria give sensitivity of 95% and specificity of 69%



# Overview

- Definition and Risk Factors
- Idiopathic vs. Secondary OA
- Clinical Features
- Diagnosis
- Radiologic Features
- ACR OA dx for knees, hands, hips
- Goals of Treatment
- Non-pharmacologic treatment
- Pharmacologic treatment
- Surgical Considerations

# Goals of Treatment

- Control pain and swelling
- Minimize disability
- Improve the quality of life
- Prevent progression
- Education
- Chronic Condition and Management

# Non-pharmacologic Treatment

- Weight Loss
- Rest
- Physical Therapy
- Knee Braces/Shoe Inserts - SOR C
- Acupuncture
- Exercise – focus on low load exercise
- Heat and Cold

# Pharmacological Management

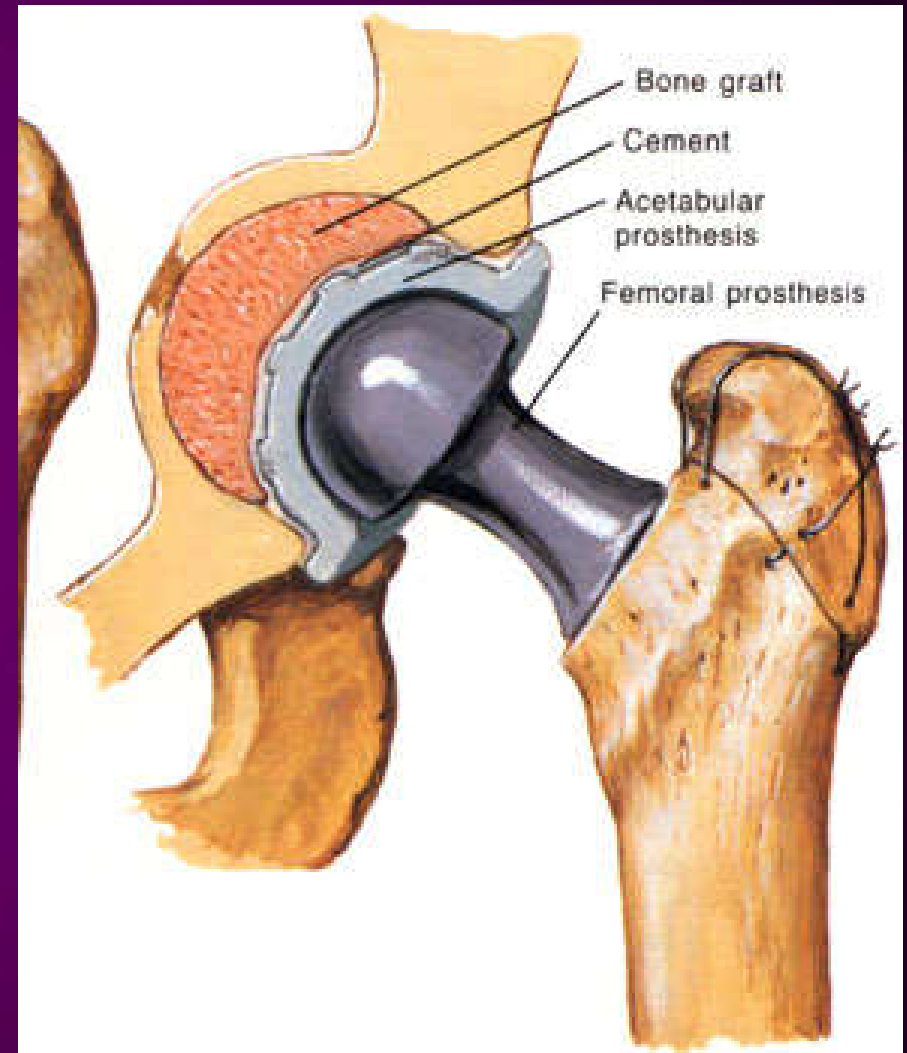


- Acetaminophen
- NSAIDs
- Opioids
- Hyaluronic acid injections
- Topical analgesics
- Glucosamine and chondroitin



# Surgical Management

- Osteotomy
- Arthrodesis
- Arthroplasty
  - Total knee replacement
  - Total hip replacement



# Osteotomy

“The surgical cutting of a bone”

One of the **most common surgeries** for osteoarthritis

Displacement osteotomy: a bone is “**redesigned**” surgically to alter the alignment or weight-bearing stress areas”





# Arthrodesis

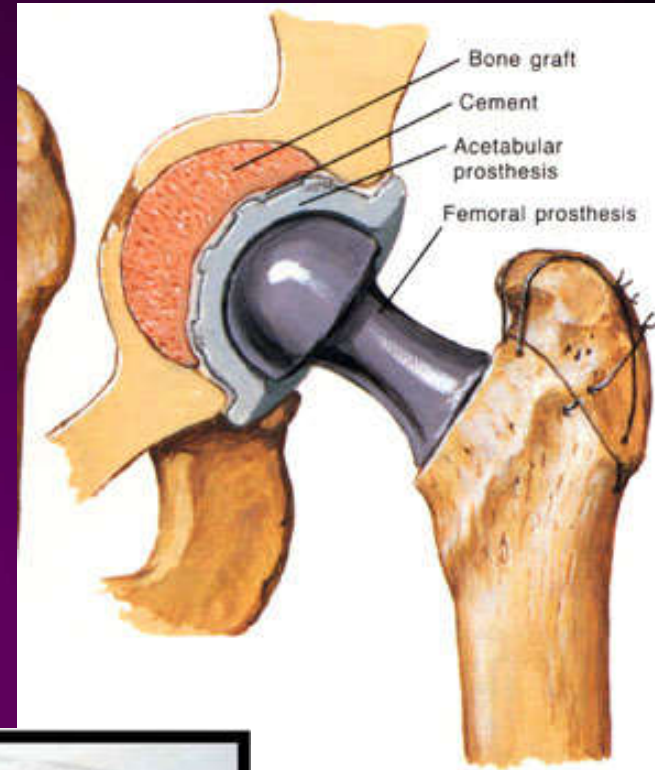
- Fusion of bones in a joint
- Bones are held together by plates, screws, pins, wires, or rods
- New bone begins to grow
- Limited joint motion
- Pain reduction



# Arthroplasty

Athro=joint  
Plasty=remodelling

For partial or total  
replacement of a  
joint.





# Overview

- Epidemiology
- History
- Physical Examination
- Laboratory Tests
- Radiographical signs
- Pharmacological Treatment
- Surgical Treatment.

# What is Rheumatoid Arthritis?

- Autoimmune disease.
- 1-2% prevalence
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> decade of life
- Women > Men 3:1
- 1<sup>st</sup> degree relative double the risk.

# Risk Factors

- Age and gender
- Genetic
- Hormonal and reproductive
- Infections
- Socioeconomic
- Lifestyle



# Genetic

- Genetic factors may predispose some individuals to RA (concordance in twin studies; familial clustering)
- The presence of HLA-DR4 antigen may confer up to a 7x increased risk
- The DRB1 gene is believed to be a predictor of severe and persistent disease
- PTPN22 and PAD14

# History

- Insidious onset
- Slow development of sign & symptoms
- Stiffness
- Polyarticular
- Most common: PIP & MCP of hands
- Morning stiffness > 1hr
- Fatigue, malaise, depression

# Physical Examination

- Symmetric joint swelling
- Fusiform swelling PIP
- Pain on passive motion



# Physical Examination

- Tenosynovitis & synovitis
- Synovial cysts
- Displaced/ ruptured tendons



# Physical Examination



- **Ulnar deviation**
- **Swan Neck**
  - Hyperexten PIPJ
  - Flex DIPJ
- **Boutiniere**
  - Flex PIPJ
  - Ext DIPJ

# 1987 ACR Classification Criteria

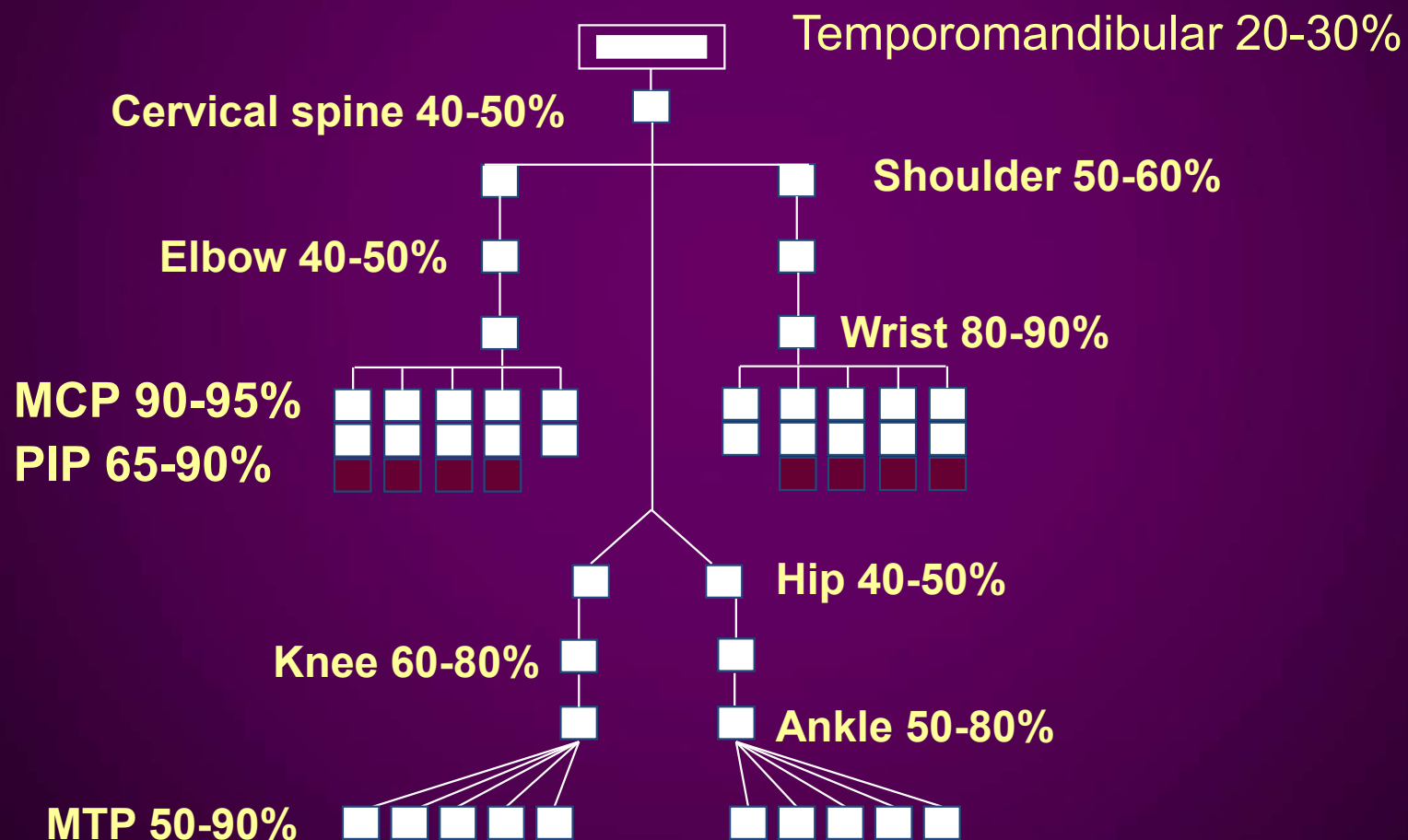
1. Morning stiffness lasting at least one hour
2. Arthritis (swelling) of 3 or more joint areas
3. Arthritis (swelling) of hand joints
4. Symmetric arthritis
5. Positive rheumatoid factor
6. Subcutaneous nodules
7. Erosions on x-rays of hands and wrists

To qualify as RA, need 4 of 7 for at least 6 weeks

## New ACR and EULAR criteria

$\geq 6$  points: joint involvement, serology, duration of synovitis, acute phase reactants

# What joints are commonly affected?



# Radiology



- Symmetrical
- Early: no sig changes
- Late:
  - Juxta-articular osteoporosis w/ decr bone density
  - Uniform jt narrowing
  - Marginal erosions









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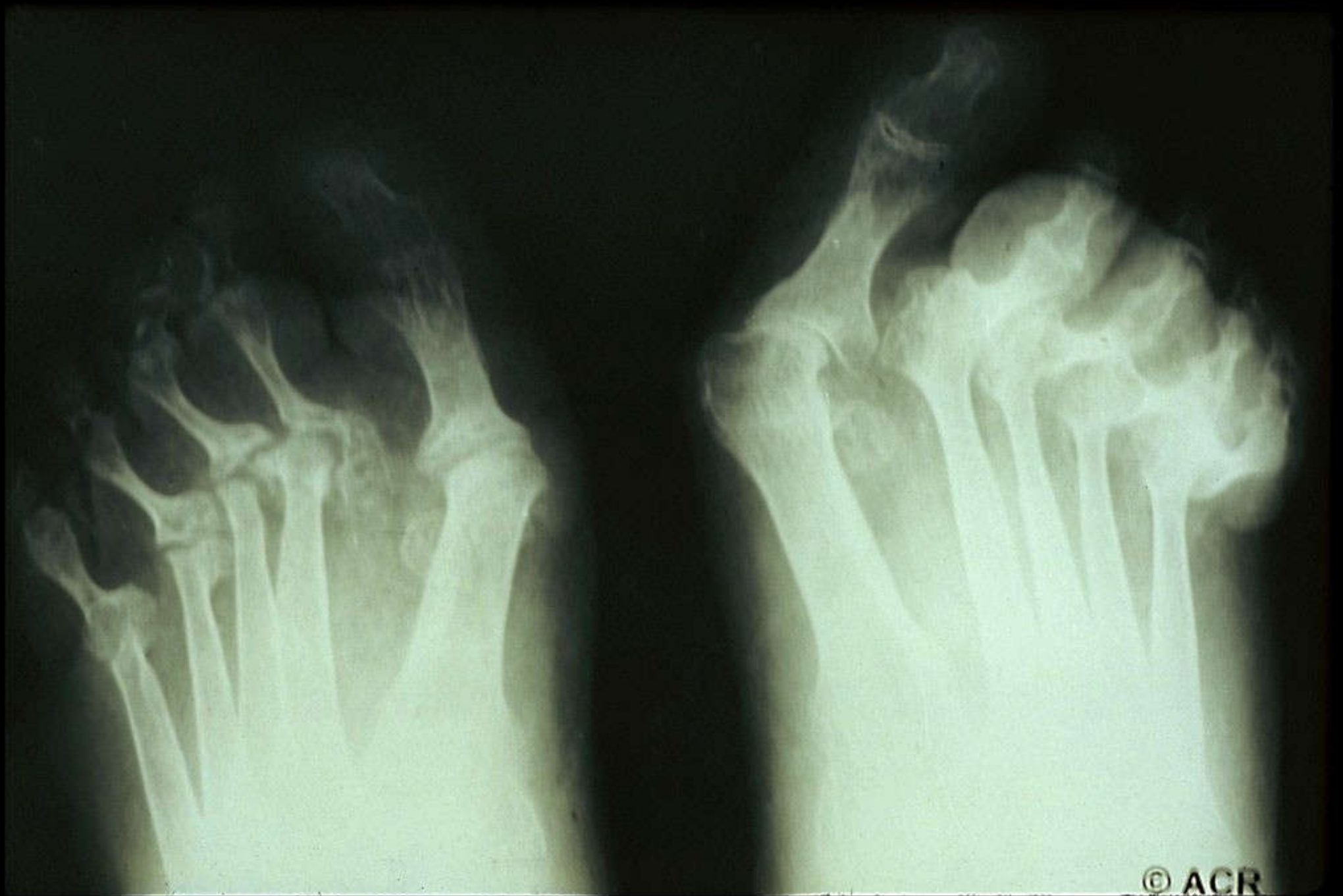














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Normal knee



Damaged Knee



# Laboratory Tests

- CBC
  - Anaemia
  - Thrombocytosis
- Acute phase response
  - ESR / CRP / Alk P
- Raised immunoglobulins
- Rheumatoid factor
- Anti-CCP antibody

# Rheumatoid Factor

Not unique to rheumatoid arthritis

Present in about 80% of patients with RA

Does not cause rheumatoid arthritis

Associated with more severe disease

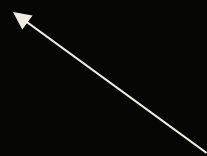
NOT A BLOOD TEST FOR ARTHRITIS!!!!

Is rheumatoid arthritis limited to the joints?

**NO!!!**

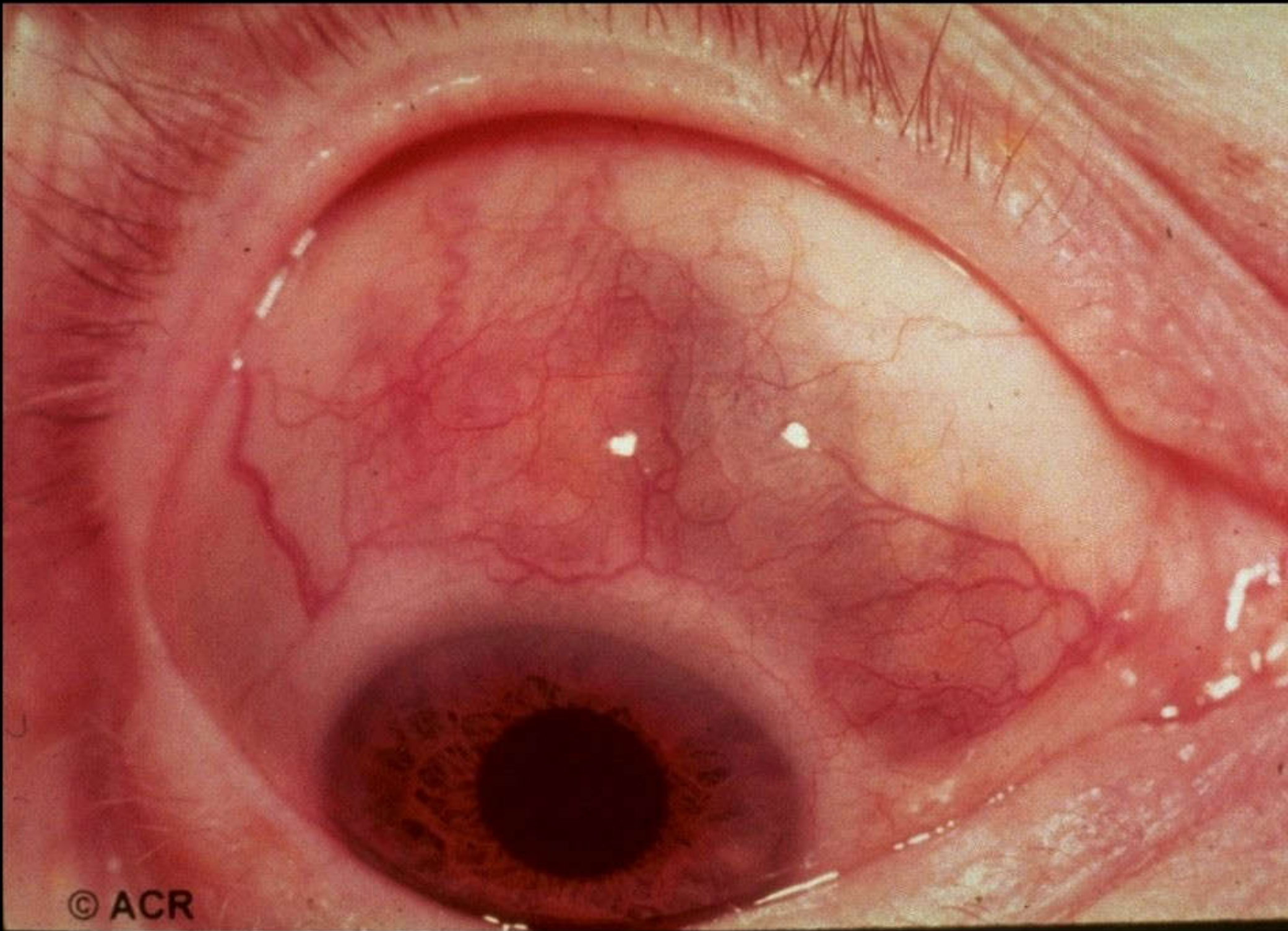
# Extra-articular Manifestations

- Anaemia
- Sicca syndrome
- Pericarditis
- Pleuritis/ Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Subcutaneous Nodules
- Ocular Inflammation
- Neuropathies
- Vasculitis
- Splenomegaly (5% - only 1% is Felty's synd.)
- Amyloidosis

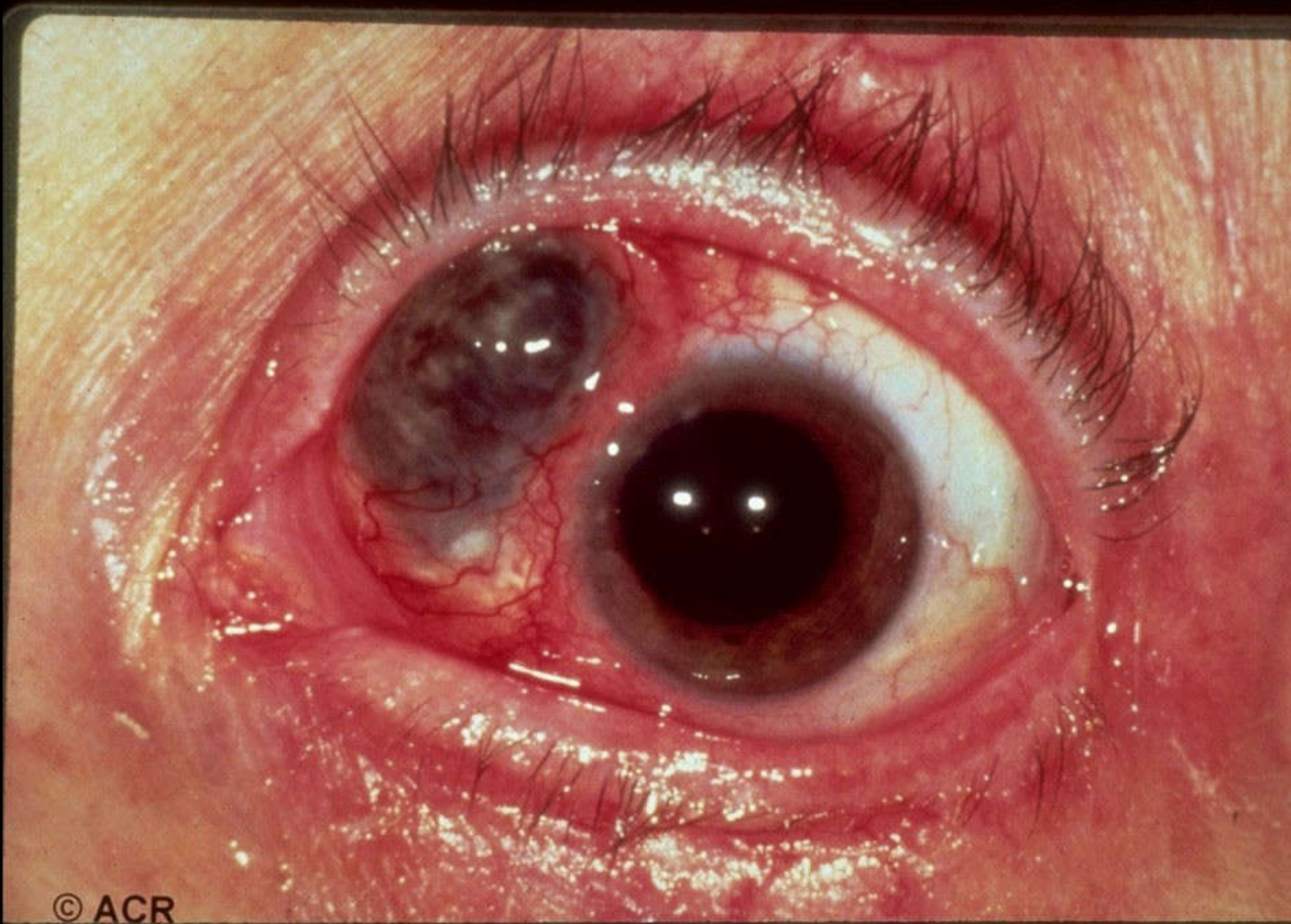


Nodule

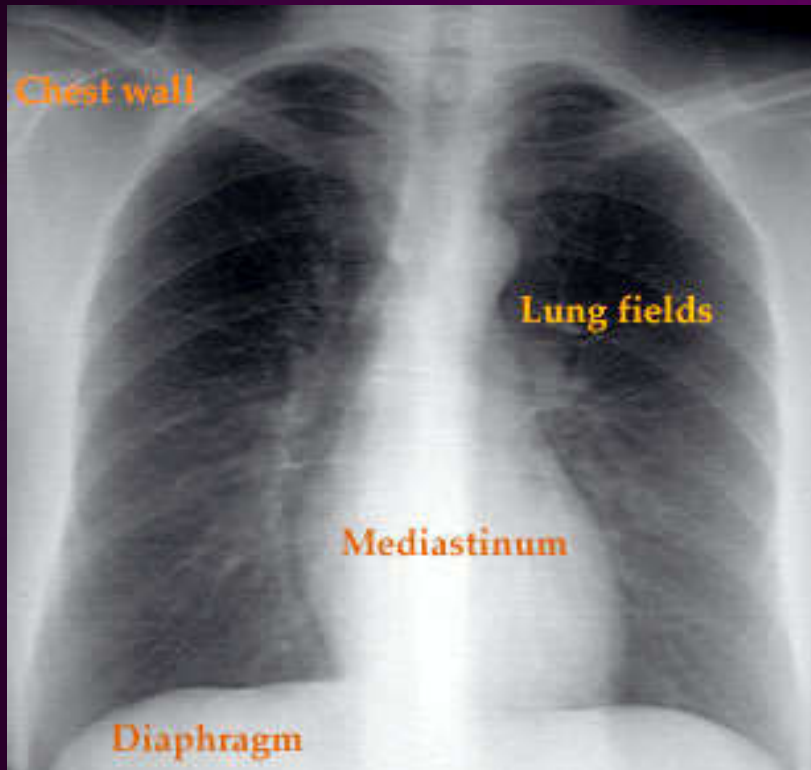












Normal Lungs



Severe Pulmonary Fibrosis



# Results:

Pain

Disability

Loss of work

Mortality

# Mortality

- RA can reduce life expectancy by 10 to 15 years
- Mortality may approach 50% over 5 years in cases of severe disability
- Patients with extra-articular involvement are twice as likely to die as those with joint involvement only
- Co-morbidity and drug toxicity account for the majority of deaths

# Optimal RA Treatment?

- Accurate & early= early referral
- Early referral = early ttt
- Early ttt= improved outcomes
- Most rapid deterioration of jt func 2 yrs after diag
- NSAIDS
- Cortisone
  - Best anti-inflam
  - Worst SE
- DMARDS
  - Gold
  - Methotrexate
  - Leflunomide (Arava)

# Newer Therapies

- **Antiproliferative agents**
  - Leflunomide (Arava)
  - Methotrexate
- **Anti-TNF therapies**
  - Etanercept (Enbrel)
  - Infliximab (Remicade)
- **Anti-IL-1 agents**
  - IL-1ra (Kineret)
- **Combination**

# Surgical Treatment?

- Goal: Relieve pain
- Consider:
  - Medical condition
  - Age
  - Activity level
  - Condition of Bone & ST

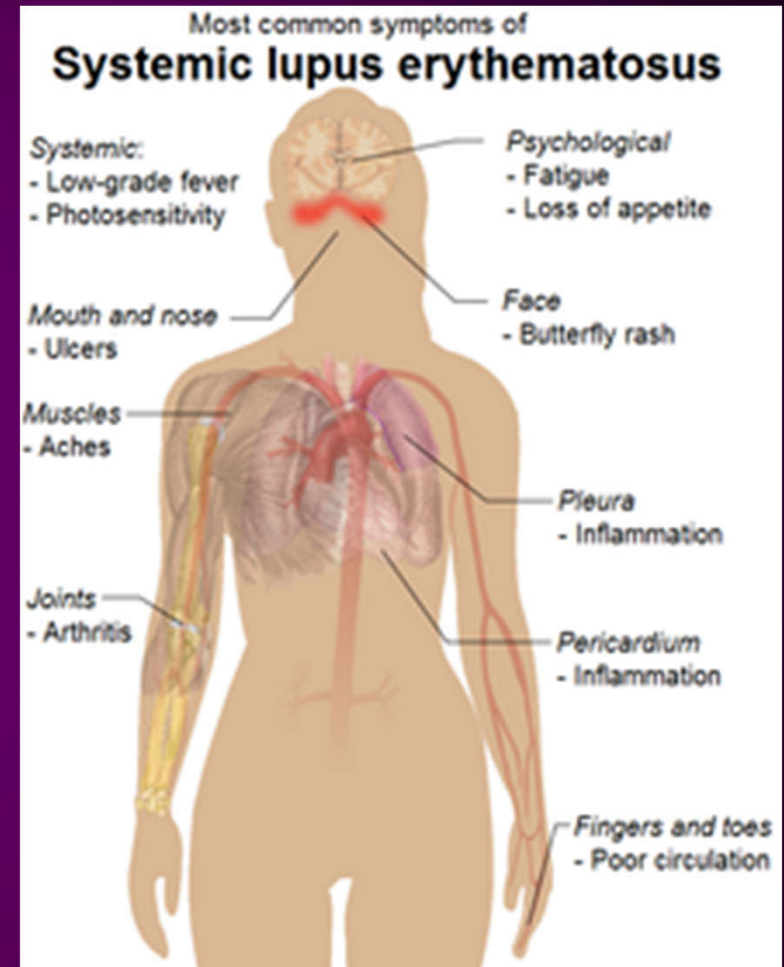
# Summary

- A chronic disease of unknown cause affecting the joints and other tissues
- Results in pain, disability, early mortality
- A clinical diagnosis i.e. a constellation of findings by physician and lab, not just a blood test
- New drugs emerging with increased efficacy but long term risks unknown



# LUPUS

- A chronic disease, affecting over 1/1000 Canadians
- Affects 8x as many women
- Auto-immune
- Cause is unclear – potential hormonal or genetic link
- When properly treated, most individuals can survive for a normal lifespan



# Types of Lupus

**Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)** : The most common type of lupus. Any tissue in the body may be affected including the kidneys, heart, lungs, and brain.

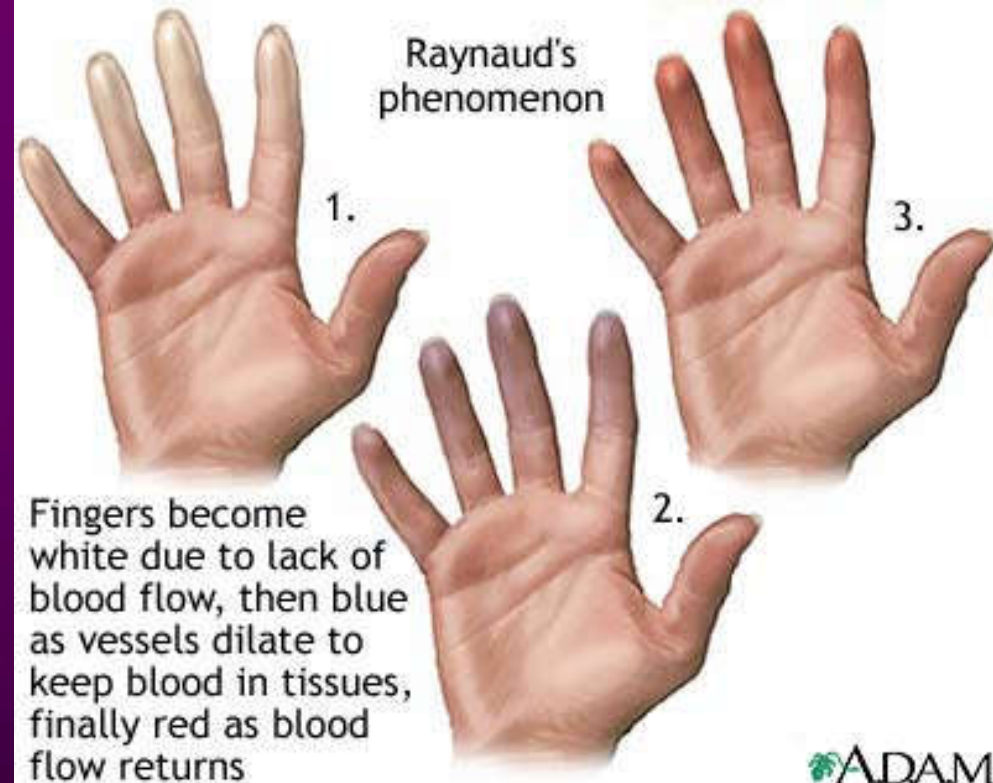
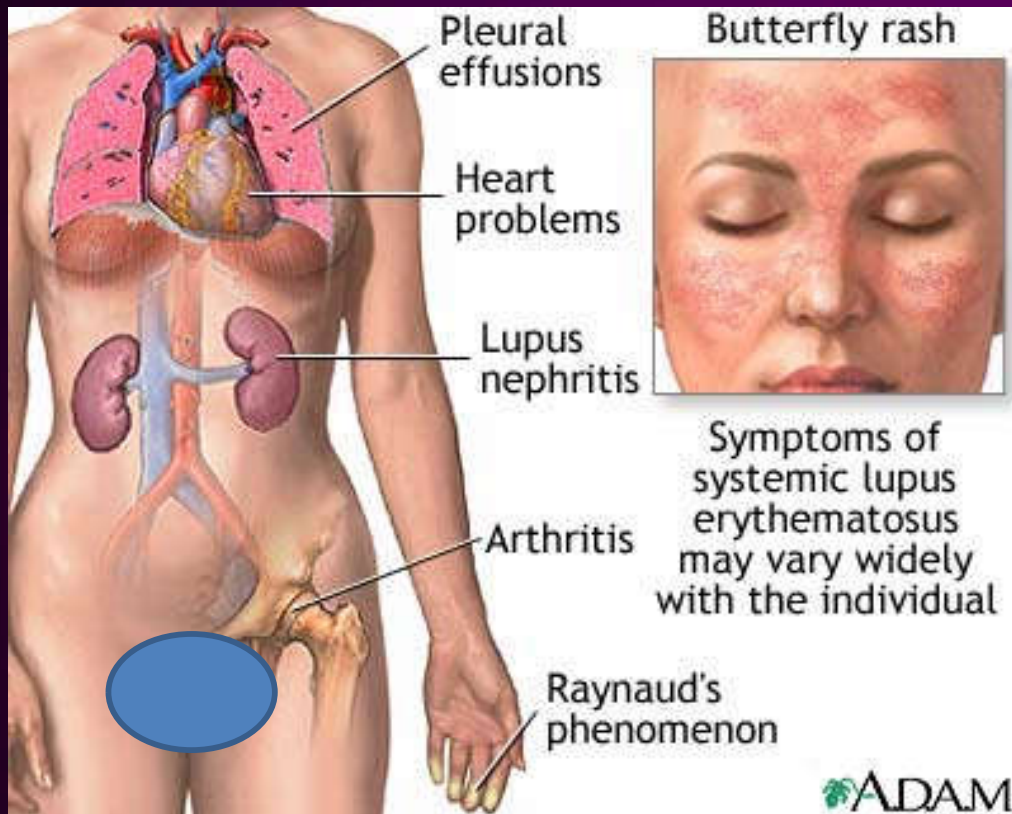


**Discoid Lupus Erythematosus (DLE)**: Affects the skin; skin develops lesions and scales.

**Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus** : May be chronic or acute. This type may only involve the skin or progress to involve other body systems.

# THE DISEASE OF A THOUSAND FACES

# Manifestations of SLE



# Pharmacological Therapy



Acetaminophen

NSAIDs

Corticosteroids

Cytotoxic or Immunosuppressive drugs

Antimalarial drugs



# Healthy Lifestyle

(Arthritis Society, 2010)



# Nursing Considerations

- Educate patient on lupus.
- Help patient identify factors that precipitate flare-ups.
- Assess patient's medication knowledge.
- Provide adequate symptom management.
- MedicAlert bracelet
- Provide emotional and psychological support.. A big one!



- THANK YOU