

DESCRIPTIONS FOR MED 3 ROTATIONS

Rheumatology A3S

A. Overall Goal

The goal of your rheumatology rotation is to learn how to diagnosis and initiate treatment for the following rheumatic diseases:

- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Spondyloarthritis
- Crystalline arthritis
- Connective tissue diseases
- Vasculitis
- Osteoarthritis
- Regional pain disorders
- Fibromyalgia

B. Specific Objectives

1. Formulate differential diagnoses and outline appropriate investigations and management of patients with the following clinical presentations:
 - Polyarthritis
 - Oligoarthritis
 - Monoarthritis
 - Back pain

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2. Order and interpret appropriately the following investigations:

- Acute phase reactants (ESR and CRP_
- Autoantibodies (RF, anti-CCP, ANA, ANCA)
- Synovial fluid analysis

C. Procedural Skills

1. Develop competence in performing a musculoskeletal examination with special attention to assessing joints for evidence of synovitis and deformity.
2. Observation of joint aspiration.

D. Tasks, Activities, Roles

1. Actively participate in inpatient care through involvement in the consultation service.
2. Attend assigned outpatient clinics.
3. Formal presentation of a patient-related problem demonstrating review of the literature.

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