COMMON RHEUMATIC DISEASES CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES



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CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES CTD

- . Diseases which affect tissue that supports, binds, and protect organs.
- . Two major proteins affected:
 - Collagen
 - Elastin

major component of tendons, ligaments and skin

CTD

- >100 Diseases. Most are rare
- Most body systems may be affected.
- Most share common symptoms [joint inflammation, fever, rash, weakness, etc.]
- Etiology unknown [genetic, environment, autoimmunity]
- All male and females affected
- All countries.

Clinical presentation

APPROPRIATE RHEUMATOLOGIC HISTORY

- Pain [joint, muscles, limbs]
- Stiffness [morning]
- Loss of function [limping]
- Systemic illness [fever, rash, weakness, mucous membrane involvement, etc.]

EXAMINATION

- FULL CLINICAL EXAMINATION
- Vital signs
- Growth parameter
- Arthritis [MSK]
- Rash [types]
- Other related systems.

Hx and PHx are very important because most are syndromes not specific diseases. No specific laboratory tests Arthritis: redness, hotness, and tenderness Arthralgia: pain

Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis JIA

Abbreviations before :

J.C.A. in Europe J.R.A. in U.S.

Features:

- 1. Onset under **16** years
- 2. Persistent arthritis in one or more joints
- 3. Duration
 - three months or longer (Europe)
 - six weeks or longer (U.S.)
- 4. Exclude other defined causes of arthritis in childhood.

Simply arthritis for more than 6 weeks with exclusion of other causes

Features in the history are gelling (stiffness after periods of rest, such as long car rides), morning joint stiffness and pain. In the young child, it may present with intermittent limp or deterioration in behavior or mood or avoidance of previously enjoyed activities, rather than complaining of pain.

Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis: Common Exclusions

RHEUMATIC DISEASE			
Post-infectious reactive arthropathy	Psoriatic arthritis		
e.g. after gastroenteritis	Arthritis can present before skin lesions. FHx is helpful in reaching a diagnosis		
Ankylosing spondylitis Mostly older children with back pain	Scleroderma Arthralgia not arthritis		
Reiter's syndrome	Mixed connective tissue disease		
Triad of arthritis, urethritis, and conjunctivitis			
Vasculitis syndromes E.g. Henoch schonlein purpura, Kawasaki disease	Hepatitis B and C Patients present with jaundice, vague abdominal pain, and sometimes arthritic		
Systemic lupus erythematosus	Inflammatory bowel disease		
Non destructive arthritis unlike RA which is destructive	[ulcerative colitis, crohn's]		
Rheumatic fever	Sarcoidosis		
Migratory non persistent arthritis	Arthritis, skin rash, lung nodules 6		

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis common exclusions non rheumatic causes of arthritis

Growing pains

3-9 years of age. Usually involves lower limbs Very active, normal growth. You can do inflammatory marker or cbc and reassure the mother

Benign hypermobility syndrome

Joint hyperextension. Touching the forearm with the thumb, easily reaching the floor when bending. In 5% of the population

Fibromyalgia[fibrositis]

In older females. Previously called fibrositis

Osteomyelitis

Pyogenic arthritis

Bone pain, arthritis, high grade fever, and limping. Aspirate and give ABx

Osgood-Schlatter disease

Avulsion of tibial tubercle under severe stress. Causes pain under the knee. Obvious on Xray.

Patellofemoral pain syndrome

[chondromalacia patellae]

Pain on walking up or downstairs, pressure on the

Neoplasm

e.g. acute lymphoblastic leukemia

Hematological

e.g. sickle cell anemia

Psychogenic arthritis

Emotional disturbance leading to generalized pain

Trauma

Slipped capital femoral epiphysis

Athletes and obese children. Clear Xray findings

Genetic disorders

Mucopolysaccharidosis

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Summary

Diagnostic clues regarding musculoskeletal disorders

'Typical' symptom combinations	Pivotal clinical features	Possible diagnoses
Nocturnal wakening with leg pain	Normal child Anaemia, bruising, irritability, infections	'Growing pains' Osteoid osteoma Leukaemia, lymphoma, neuroblastoma (young child)
'Clunk' on hip movement on screening, limp in an older infant	Asymmetrical upper leg skin folds, limited hip abduction	Developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH)
Febrile, toxic-looking infant, irritability with nappy changing	Restricted joint range (especially hip)	Septic arthritis Osteomyelitis
Sudden limp in a otherwise well young child	Unilateral restricted hip movement	Transient synovitis of the hip Perthes disease
Fever, erythematous rash, red eyes, irritability in infant or young child	Erythema/oedema of hands and feet, oral mucositis, cervical lymphadenopathy	Kawasaki disease
Irritability, fever, reluctance to move in an infant or young child	Stiff back, 'tripod' sitting	Discitis Vertebral osteomyelitis
Joint pain, stiffness and restriction Loss of joint function	Persistent joint swelling Loss of joint range	Juvenile idiopathic arthritis
Hip pain in an obese adolescent boy	Unilateral hip restriction	Slipped capital femoral epiphysis
Lethargy, unwilling to do physical activities, irritability, rash	Eyelid erythema Proximal muscle weakness	Juvenile dermatomyositis
Constitutional symptoms, lethargy, arthralgia in an adolescent female	Multi-system abnormalities, haematuria, facial erythema	Systemic lupus erythematosus

Classification of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis[ILAR]

1. Systemic arthritic Stills disease previously	10% - 20%
2. Oligoarthritis <4 joints	50% - 60%
3. Polyarthritis (RF negative)	20% - 30%
4. Polyarthritis (RF positive)	5% - 10%
5. Psoriatic arthritis	2% - 15%
6. Enthesitis-related arthritis[ERA] [sites where tendons and ligaments insert into bone.]	1% - 7 %
7. Undifferentiated arthritis	- 9

Systemic Arthritis (ILAR)

- **1.** Arthritis in ≥ 1 joint [for ≥ 6 weeks].
 - with or preceded by
- 2. Fever \ge 2 weeks, quotidian (\ge 39⁰ returns to \le 37⁰C), documented daily for \ge 3days
 - with
- 3. At least one of the following:

- Rash appears when temperature is high and disappears when it goes down
- Evanescent [not fixed] erythematous rash.
- Generalized lymph node enlargement.
- Hepatomegaly and/or splenomegaly.
- Serositis. Pleuritis, pericarditis, peritonitis

Systemic onset JIA 20%

Age at onset	16 years or younger	
Sex ratio	Equal or boys > girls	
Articular manifestations	Early – arthritis that may be transient Later – chronic arthritis that is usually polyarticular	
Extra-articular manifestations	High intermittent fever; rash, lymphadenopathy, myalgia, serositis, organomegaly	
Laboratory tests	Leukocytosis, anemia	
Prognosis	Severe arthritis in 25%	
Systemic onset JIA is the most difficult to control in terms of both articular inflammation and systemic manifestations		





Salmon colored maculopapular rash. Scratching the skin will cause appearance of the rash (koebner's phenomenon)



Pauciarticular

Arthritis in 1-4 joints in the first six months of oncet.

Types

- -Persistent disease [1-4 joints throughout the disease]
- -Extended disease [≥5 joints after the first

six months]. Managed as polyarticular

Pauciarticular JIA (50%) = oligoarticular

SUBGROUP 35%	Iritis is painless at first so any patient with pauciarticular JIA should follow up with ophthalmology every 4-6 months for irits.	SUBGROUP 15%
Early childhood	Age at onset	Late childhood
Girls	Sex predominance	Boys
Knee, ankle, elbow	Typical joints	Lower limb
Chronic iritis	Extra-articular manifestations	Acute iritis, bowel disease, features of Reiter's syndrome
Negative	Rheumatoid factor	Negative
>50%	ANA	0
DR5, 6, 8	HLA	B27
Severe arthritis 10%; severe iridocyclitis possible	prognosis	Chronic spondyloarthropathy possible 14



Left knee swelling



Figure 1 – Synechiae are seen in a patient with uveitis who has juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Other complications of uveitis include keratotic bands, cataracts, and vision impairment.



Swelling and limited
extension



Polyarthritis (RF negative)

- Arthritis affecting \geq 5 joints in the first six months of disease;
- RF negative.

Polyarthritis (RF positive)

- Arthritis affecting \geq 5 joints in the first six months of disease;
- -Positive RF in **2** readings 3 months apart, during the first six months.

Polyarticular JIA 30%

RF-ve (25%)		RF+ve (5%)	
16 years or younger	Age at onset		8 through 16 years
Girls	Sex predominance		Girls
Few	Extra-articular manifestations		Nodules, vasculitis
25% of patients	ANA		50% of patients
?	HLA		DW4/DR4
Severe arthritis 10- 20%	Prognosis		Severe arthritis >50%
A positive rheumatoid factor is indicative of a poor prognostic outcome Meed aggressive management			

Pathology

Serositis

- 1. Synovitis
- 2. Tendenitis
- 3. Bursae



Serositis of pleura and pericardium

Subcutaneous Nodules

Vasculitis







Involvement of the neck. You must be careful with anesthesia



Patients can't stand straight



Gap indicates small joint involvement

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Subcutaneous nodules







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Receding chin can be a complication
They may have c-spine and TMJ involvement



Middle finger was affected early and growth was stunted.





Pericardial effusion



Figure 26.17 Growth failure and marked genu valgum (knock-knees) in an 8-year-old girl with juvenile idiopathic arthritis. For comparison, her sister on the left is 4 years old.

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Figure 26.16 Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, showing swelling of the wrists, metacarpal and interphalangeal joints and early swan-neck deformities of the fingers.

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Psoriatic Arthritis

- Arthritis and psoriasis
- **OR** Arthritis and at least two of:
 - 1) Dactylitis,
 - 2) Nail pitting or onycholysis,
 - 3) Family history of psoriasis.



Dactylitis



Nail pitting



Onycholysis



Enthesitis Related Arthritis

- Arthritis and enthesitis,
- OR
- arthritis or enthesitis with \geq 2 of :
- [1] Sacroiliac joint tendernes and/or inflammatory lumbosacral pain.
- [2] HLA-B27
- [3] Family history of HLA-B27 associated disease
- [4] Acute anterior uveitis
- [5] Oncet of oligoarthritis in a boy aged \geq 8 years.

Undifferentiated Arthritis

Arthritis that does not fulfills any criteria.

Arthritis that fulfills two OR more criteria.

Management of Juvenile idiopathic Arthritis

TEAMWORK PEDIATRIC RHUMATOLOGY PHYSIOTHERAPY **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY** PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDIC SOCIAL WORKER CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Treatment for JIA

	first-line therapy	Severe or refractory
Oligoarticular		
- Persistent	IAS injection \pm NSAID; may repeat IAS injections up to 4 per year	MTX; Anti-TNF- α agent may be needed
- Extended	If fewer than 8 joints, manage as persistent; if more, manage as polyarticular	
Polyarticular	MTX ± IAS ± NSAID Start with NSAIDs	Add Anti-TNF- α agent; may need different DMARD (leflunomide, SSZ) \pm IAS injection \pm prednisone, rituximab
Enthesitis- related	IAS injection and NSAID	MTX or SSZ; Anti-TNF- α agent may be needed
Systemic		
Active systemic	Anti-IL-1 agent; prednisone (IV pulse/daily oral) may be needed	Cyclosporine, thalidomide Usually Anakinra (anti IL1) is enough
Active arthritis	Manage as polyarticular or oligoarticular, depending on number of joints involved	Manage as polyarticular 26

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Table 26.4 Classification and clinical features of JIA (juvenile idiopathic arthritis)

JIA subtype (approximate %)	Onset age	Sex ratio (F : M)	Articular pattern	Extra-articular features	Laboratory abnormalities
Oligoarthritis (persistent) (49%)	1–6 years	5:1	1–4 (max) joints involved; knee, ankle or wrist most common	Chronic anterior uveitis in 20%, leg length discrepancy	ANA+/-
				Prognosis excellent	
Oligoarthritis (extended) (8%)	1–6 years	5:1	>4 joints involved after first 6 months. Asymmetrical distribution of large and small joints	Chronic anterior uveitis 20%, asymmetrical growth Prognosis moderate	ANA+/-
Polyarthritis (RF negative) (16%)	1–6 years	5:1	Symmetrical large and small joint arthritis, often with marked finger involvement Cervical spine and temporomandibular joint may be involved	Low-grade fever, chronic anterior uveitis 5%, late reduction of growth rate Prognosis moderate	
Polyarthritis (RF) positive) (3%)	10–16 years	5:1	Symmetrical large and small joint arthritis, often with marked finger involvement	Rheumatoid nodules 10% Similar to adult rheumatoid arthritis Prognosis poor	RF+ (long term)
Systemic arthritis (9%)	1–10 years	1:1	Oligoarthritis or polyarthritis. May have aches and pains in joints and muscles (arthralgia/myalgia) but initially no arthritis	Acute illness, malaise, high daily fever initially, with salmon-pink, macular rash, lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly, serositis	Anaemia, raised neutrophils and platelets, high acute-phase reactants (see Case History 26.1)
				Prognosis variable to poor	
Psoriatic arthritis (7%)	1–16 years	1:1	Usually asymmetrical distribution of large and small joints, dactylitis	Psoriasis, nail pitting or dystrophy, chronic anterior uveitis 20% Prognosis moderate	
Enthesitis-related arthritis (7%)	6–16 years	1:4	Lower limb, large joint arthritis initially, mild lumbar spine or sacroiliac involvement later on	Enthesitis – localised inflammation at insertion of tendons or ligaments into bone, often in feet, Achilles insertion Occasional acute uveitis Prognosis moderate	HLAB27+
Undifferentiated arthritis (1%)	1–16 years	2:1 (variable)	Overlapping articular and extra-articular patterns between ≥2 subtypes or insufficient criteria for sub-classification	Prognosis variable	

Juvenile systemic lupus erythematous JSLE Same presentation and criteria as adults

• Autoimmune disease

- Autoantibodies, immune complex formation, immune dysregulation leading to tissue damage.
- Etiology unknown [environmental and hormonal trigger to a genetically susceptible person].
- Natural history unpredictable.
- All races affected
- Females > males







JSLE

- Rare before 5 years.
- Neonatal lupus

Complete bundle branch block can be detected in utero. Skin rash similar to seborrheic dermatitis, raised ANA. Resolves after 6 months.

- More common in adolescence.
- JSLE in the first decade: 3.5 15% of all SLE cases.
- More renal involvement in JSLE
- More sever in the first decade

SLE in adults is less severe

Classification criteria of SLE

Malar (butterfly) rash **Discoid-lupus rash Photosensitivity** Oral or nasal mucocutaneous ulcerations الدكتور عادها ٣ مرات Nonerosive arthritis **Nephritis**^b Proteinuria > 0.5 g/day Cellular casts **Encephalopathy**^b Seizures **Psychosis Pleuritis or pericarditis** Cytopenia Positive immunoserology Antibodies to nDNA Antibodies to Sm nuclear antigen **Positive LE-cell preparation Biologic false-positive test for syphilis** Positive antinuclear antibody test

Diognostic Criteria in SLE SOAP BRANNO (pleurits, ulces pericardite) photosensitivity pericardite) photosensitivity Renal involvement (Anti-Sm. anti-dsDIA) Extra

^a Four of 11 criteria provide a sensitivity of 96% and a specificity of 96%. $_{30}$

SEROLOGICAL TESTS

	Test	
ANA by indirect	immunofluorescence	95 – 100
Antibody DNA	DsDNA very specific especially in lupus nephritis	60
Antibodies to soluble ribonucleoproteins		80
Anti nRNP		Increased with 30 Raynaud's and pHTN
Anti SM	Especially in neonatal lupus	20
Anti Ro (SSA)	and drug induced lupus	30
Anti La (SSB)		10

CLINICAL PRESENTATION Mucocutaneous

- Malar rash, Butterfly distribution. 25% of cases.
- Photosensetivity. Recurrence of symptoms after sun exposure e.g. fever and arthritis

- Discoid rash Similar to psoriasis
- Nasal and oral ulceration [painless may perforate]
- Small vessel vasculitis [digital ulcer, livedo-reticularis, raynauds phenomenon]
- Alpoecia
- Neonatal Lupus Erythematous: Lesions similar to seborrheic dermatitis, disappear spontaneously in 4-6 months. 32



Butterfly rash

















CARDIOVASCULAR



- Myocarditis
- Pericarditis
- Endocarditis (Libman-Sacks)
- Conduction defect [CBBB] in neonate.
- Neonatal lupus [Rash similar to seborrheic dermatitis

A pregnant woman with SLE will transfer IgG autoantibodies (usually anti-Ro) across the placenta at 12 to 16 weeks. This can cause a variety of manifestations, the most common being congenital heart block. All are temporary, except for the heart block, which may require permanent pacing.



VASCULITIS IN SLE

> SIZE Small Vessel Vasculitis > CLINICAL PRESENTATION: Lupus Crisis (wide spread vasculitis + polyserositis) Raynaud's phenomenon **Digital involvement** Recurrent thrombophlebitis In older females Livedo reticularis



HAEMATOLOGICAL ABNORMALITIES

Think of lupus as a differential for pancytopenia

Abnormality	Patients (%)
Anemia (hematocrit < 30%)	50
Acute hemolytic anemia	5
Leukopenia <2,000 WBC/mm ³	10
Leukopenia <4,500 WBC/mm ³	40
Thrombocytopenia <150,000 pts/mm ³	30
Thrombocytopenia <100,000 pts/mm ³	5

G.I. MANIFESTATIONS

- > 31% of cases have abdominal pain.
- Abnormal esophageal motility.
- Ascites and peritonitis.
- Acute pancreatitis.
- Mesenteric artery thrombosis
- Malabsorption
- GI vasculitis: edema, ulceration, gangrene, perforation

NEUROPSYCHIATRIC MANIFESTATIONS

- Non-Focal Cerebral Dysfunction (35-60%) organic brain syndrome. Psychosis. Neurosis.
- Movement Disorders (10-35%)
- > Seizures (15-35%)
- ➢ Focal Deficits (10-35%)
- Peripheral Neuropathies (10-25%)
- Others: e.g. headache, aseptic meningitis, myasthenia gravis

Management of SLE

In lupus nephritis it is important to refer to nephrology for biopsy

Depend on system affected. (history, clinical examination, and investigations)

Non-immunosupressants

- antimalarial (Hydroxychloroquine)

Steroid sparing especially helpful with discoid rash

- NSAIDs (Ibuprofen, Naproxen)

For musculoskeletal involvement

Immunosuppresants

Corticosteroids (Prednisone/ivMP)

Most cases need steroids

- DMARDs (MTX, Imuran, cellcept)
- Biologics (Rituximab, Tocilizumab, Belimumab)
- Cytotoxins (cyclophosphamide)

Management of SLE (cont.)

- I.V. immunoglobulin (IVIG). If steroids failed
- Plasmapheresis.
- Other treatment:
 - sunscreen.
 - physical and occupational therapy
 - treatment of complications.

Prognosis in SLE



JUVENILE DERMATOMYOSITIS JDM

Idiopathic inflammatory myopathy

Has characteristic cutaneous lesions

Affect skin and muscles

May affect [joints, oesphagus, lungs]

Calcinosis is common

Association with malignancy.

DERMATOMYOSITIS / POLYMYOSITIS

If no skin manifestations think of polymyositis

- Symmetrical progressive proximal muscle weakness.
- Characteristic rashes[Gottron papules, heliotrope rash]
- Biopsy showing inflammatory changes
- Raised muscle enzymes (CPK, AST, Aldolase)
- Electromyography abnormalities (e.g. polyphasic potentials)

Juvenile Dermatomyositis

Expanded criteria for diagnosis

- Nail fold capillaroscopy abnormalities
- Calcinosis
- Dysphonia Involvement of vocal cords
- Typical findings on MRI of muscle and ultrasonography

JDM Clinical Course

- Monocyclic (remission within 2-3 years)^{One attack lasting a year or two then disease resolution}
- Polycyclic
- Chronic
- Ulcerative[GI-system]

JDM Investigations

- EMG Rarely needed
- Muscle biopsy
- Muscle enzymes (CPK, Aldolase)
- Nail fold capillaroscopy
- MRI



Gottron's papules



هذا ماي بيشنت لما نقرل بترفلاي مو دايما لوبس فهذا عنده شويه كذا لوك لايك بس مو نازل على اللوبس؟؟



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Calcinosis
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Heliotrope rash



V sign







Calcinosis + severe destruction





Muscle destruction

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JDM - Treatment

- **Aims** minimize inflammation
 - improve function
 - prevent disability
- Early teamwork (rheumatologist, dermatologist, physical therapist and primary care doctor)
- Drugs:
 - Corticosteroids (Prednisolone, IV MP)
 - Immunoglobulin (IV Ig)
 - Methotrexate If signs of vasculitis add methotrexate
 - Others (Hydroxychloroquine, anti-TNF therapy)
 - Severe cases (Cyclophosphamide, Rituximab)

Steroids: In lupus: 1-2 mg/kg In JDM: 2-3 mg/kg or pulse steroids

JDM – Treatment (cont.)

Other aspects of care:

- Skin protection
- Physical therapy
- Speech therapy
- Dietetic assessment
- Management of calcinosis
 If calcinosis is near a joint or an organ remove surgically
 different drugs used with poor response such as pamidronate, probenecid, warfarin, colchicine, aluminum hydroxide, infliximab.

Henoch-Schonlin Purpura

- Small-vessel vasculitis
- Benign <u>self-limiting</u>, unknown etiology, multifactorial causes [genetic, environment, infection] [group A stept, mycoplasma, EBV, Hepatitis c, adenovirus, parvovirus, measles]
- Deposition of [IgA, C3] immune complex in small vessels.
- HSP and IgA nephropathy (both have 1 IgA and identical renal biopsy)
- Diagnosis is clinical
- Laboratory investigations to exclude other causes



HENOCH-SCHONLEIN PURPURA HSP

Purpura	100%
Arthritis	71%
Gastrointestinal involvement	68%
Renal involvement	45%
Fever	75%
Hypertension	13%
Subcutaneous oedema	20-50%
Scrotal oedema	2 – 35%

Severe abdominal pain either due to vasculitis or intussusception. Do barium studies to exclude intussusception and treat with steroids.

HSP - Treatment

- Resolve spontaneously
- Treatment according to system involved MSK – Ibuprofen[NSAID]
- GIT Corticosteroids (Prednisolone, IV MP)
- Renal Cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan)
 - Azathioprine (Imuran)
 - Mycophenolate mofetil (Cellcept)
 - High dose IV immunoglobulin
 - Plasmapheresis

Kawasaki's Disease (KD)=MCLS

- Small and medium vessel vasculitis (coronary artery)
 Inflammation and aneurysm
 of coronary arteries
- Unknown etiology [infection, genetic, autoim]
- Children under 5 years
- Diagnoses is clinical
- Laboratory studies to exclude other causes and look for complications (CBC – CRP – ECHO)

Any child with suspected Kawasaki should have an echocardiogram

Poor outcome predictors with respect to coronary artery disease: very young age, male, neutrophilia, decreased platelets, increased liver enzymes, decreased albumin, hyponatremia, increased CRP, prolonged fever.

KAWASAKI'S DISEASE

Fever Continuous high-grade fever for at least 5 days	95%
Conjunctival congestion	90%
Exanthema	90%
Oral mucosa involvement	90%
Desquamation	90%
Cervical lymphadenopathy	75%
+ Erythema of the hands and soles	

No.

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Generalized erythematous rash





Fissuring of the lips Swelling and erythema of lower and upper limbs





Strawberry tongue



Swelling of the lower limbs, erythema, and desquamation



Arthritis



Conjunctival injection



Desquamation



Coronary involvement 55

MCLS Diagnostic Criteria

- 1. Spiking fever 5 days or more + 4/5 criteria
- 2. Bilateral conjunctival injection
- 3. One orpharyngeal sign
 - 1. Diffuse oropharyngeal erythema
 - 2. Strawberry tongue
 - 3. Redness, dryness, and fissures of lip
- 4. Polymorphous erythematous rash
- 5. Cervical lymphadenopathy
- 6. One or more of the following signs
 - 1. Indurative edema of hands and feet
 - 2. Erythema of palms and sole
 - 3. Desquamation of fingers and toes [2 weeks after onset]
 - 4. Transverse grooves in nails [2 or 3 months after onset]

Treatment of Kawasaki Disease

- High dose aspiring
- Low dose aspirin
- High dose IV immunoglobulin
- ± IV methylprednisolone
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- Plasmapheresis (non-responding to IV Ig)
- Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blocking drugs
 - Infliximab (Remicade)
 - Etanercept (Enbrel)

Start with a dose of IVIG if failed a second dose if failed steroids. If failed Others e.g. infliximab.

If high grade fever, inflammation, arthritis give high dose 60-70 mg/kg After fever subsides give low dose aspirin (platelets decrease later in the disease course)

SPONDYLOARTHROPATHIES

Absence of rheumatoid factor(seronegative)

Involvement of sacroiliac and joints

Peripheral arthritis (predominantly lower limb)

Enthesopathy

Familial clustering

Increased incidence of HLA-B27

Common spectrum of extra- articular features (predominantly mucocutaneous)

SPONDYLOARTHROPATHIES

- Ankylosing spondylitis
- Psoriasis
- Whipple's disease
- Ulcerative colitis
- Crohn's disease
- Reiter's disease
- Behçet's Syndrome
- Reactive arthritis

Thank YOU FOR LISTENING

