

Acute Synovitis Clinic Criteria



BON SECOURS HOSPITAL CORK

The aim of this clinic is to provide a service for rapid assessment, diagnosis and management for patients with a new diagnosis of acute inflammatory arthritis (e.g. Rheumatoid Arthritis/Psoriatic Arthritis).

This clinic is not suitable for patients with a previous diagnosis of an inflammatory arthritis, those presenting with a monoarthritis or those where septic arthritis is suspected.

Ideally patients should not receive corticosteroids prior to attending the clinic. We aim to provide a clinic appointment within 2-4 weeks of referral.

INCLUSION CRITERIA: ALL REQUIRED

- ☐ Duration of symptoms of 2-8 weeks
- ☐ 3 or more joints with synovitis
- ☐ MCP/MTP involvement (*positive squeeze test*)
- ☐ Early morning stiffness > 60 minutes
- ☐ This is their first presentation (*i.e. a new diagnosis*)



EXCLUSION CRITERIA:

- Patient already has an established diagnosis of inflammatory arthritis
- Septic arthritis is suspected

BLOODS REQUIRED WITH HEALTHLINK REFERRAL:

- FBC, renal, LFTs, bone profile, uric acid and CRP ☐

PATIENT DETAILS

Surname:

First Name: DOB:

Address:

Mobile No. Tel day:

Tel Evening: Hospital No. (if known):

First language:

Interpreter required: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Gender: ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

Wheelchair Assistance: ☐ YES ☐ NO

GENERAL PRACTITIONER DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Mobile:

Medical Council Number: