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Pathogenesis of Psoriatic Arthritis: A Broader Understanding to Inform Next Steps

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Learning Objective

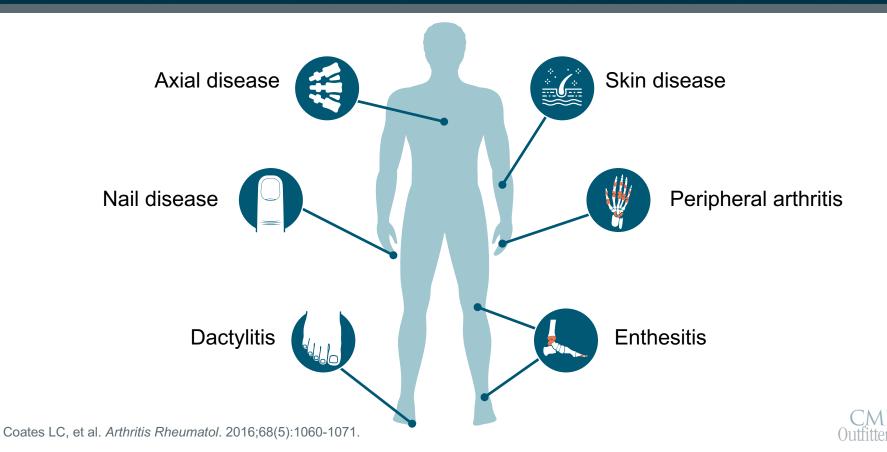
Describe clinically relevant pathophysiologic processes that contribute to the development of psoriatic arthritis.

Does a Psoriatic Arthritis Diagnosis Begin in the Dermatology or Rheumatology Office?

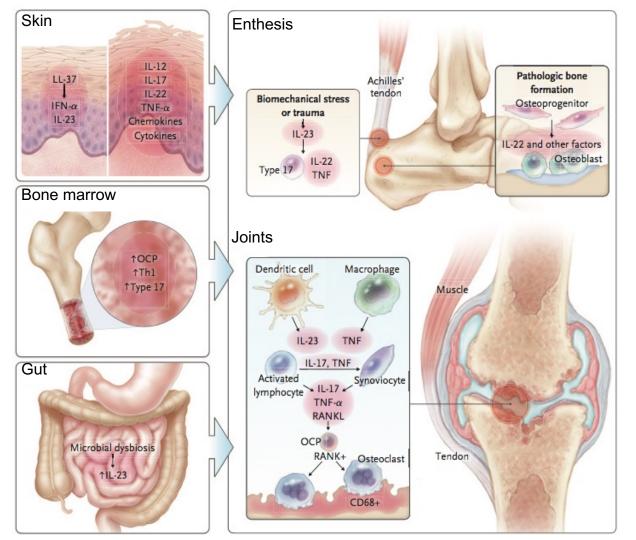
- Psoriatic arthritis (PsA) presents in up to 30% of patients with psoriasis (PsO)
- PsA may precede, occur concurrently with, or occur after the development of PsO
- Data suggest that the majority of patients present with PsO, compared to patients who present with joint pain



Clinical Domains of PsA



Pathogenic Pathways in PsA

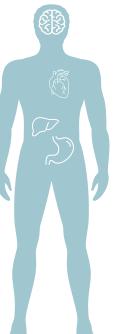


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Common Comorbidities in PsA

Ocular inflammation¹ (eg, uveitis/iritis)

Inflammatory bowel disease²



Psychosocial burden^{3,4}

- Ánxiety
- Depression
- Suicidal ideation
- Substance use

Increased risk of CVD⁵⁻⁸

- Hyperlipidemia
- Hypertension
- Insulin resistance
- Diabetes
- Obesity

CVD = cardiovascular disease

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PsA Screening Tests

• PEST¹⁻⁴ \rightarrow • PASE² • ToPAS³ • EARP² • PASQ³ Please answer the questions below and score 1 point for each question answered 'yes'

	Yes	No
1. Have you ever had a swollen joint (or joints)?		
2. Has a doctor ever told you that you have arthritis?		
3. Do your fingernails or toenails have holes or pits?		
4. Have you had pain in your heel?		
5. Have you had a finger or toe that was completely swollen and painful for no apparent reason?		
	Total	/5
A total score of 3 or more out of 5 is positive and indicates that a referral to rheumatology should be considered.		

1. Helliwell PS, et al. *J Rheumatol.* 2011;38:551-552. 2. Ibrahim GH, et al. *Clin Exp Rheumatol.* 2009;27(3):469-474. 3. Karreman MC, et al. *Rheumatology.* 2017;56(4):597-602. 4. National Psoriasis Foundation Website. https://www.psoriasis.org/psoriatic-arthritis-screening-test/.



Screening for PsA in Clinical Practice

Identify symptoms/signs of PsA

- Morning-joint stiffness, joint pain that improves with activity
- Swollen tender joints, dactylitis, enthesitis, inflammatory back pain, uveitis
- Check X-rays of affected joints and CCP, CRP, RF



CCP = cyclic citrullinated peptide; CRP = C-reactive protein; RF = rheumatoid factor Fourth image courtesy of Joel M Gelfand, MD, MSCE Gisondi P, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol*. 2017;31(12):2119-2123.



Workup

Lab testing

- Complete blood count with differential
- Blood urea nitrogen, creatinine, uric acid, and urinalysis
- ESR and CRP
- RF, anti-CCP antibody, and ANA
- HLA-B27 testing in patients with PsO who present with arthritis and if PsA is suspected despite absence of psoriasiform skin lesions
- Arthrocentesis and synovial fluid analysis
- Radiographs of involved joints (e.g., hands, feet, sacroiliac joints)



CASPAR Criteria for the Classification of PsA

Inflammatory musculoskeletal disease (arthritis, spondylitis, enthesitis) with ≥ 3 points from the following:		
Evidence of PsO:		
Current PsO	2	
Personal history of PsO	1	
Family history of PsO	1	
Psoriatic nail dystrophy	1	
Negative rheumatoid factor	1	
Dactylitis (current or recorded by a rheumatologist)	1	
Radiographic evidence of juxta-articular new bone formation	1	



Defining Conditions and Considerations: Examples of Severe Disease

Severe PsO

- PASI ≥ 12
- BSA ≥ 10%
- Significant involvement in specific areas (e.g., face, hands or feet, nails, intertriginous areas, scalp) where disease burden causes significant disability
- Impairment of physical or mental functioning can warrant a designation of moderate-to-severe disease despite the lower amount of skin surface area involved

Severe PsA

Erosive disease

- Elevated markers of inflammation (ESR, CRP) attributable to PsA
- Long-term damage that interferes with function (i.e., joint deformities)
- Highly active disease that causes a major impairment in quality of life
- Active PsA at many sites, including dactylitis, enthesitis
- Function-limiting PsA at a few sites
- Rapidly progressive disease



Differentiating Axial PsA from AS

- Axial PsA and AS are part of the spectrum of spondyloarthritis
 - Overlapping features but different genetic, clinical, radiographic, and prognostic characteristics
- HLA-B27 occurs less frequently in axial PsA but is a genetic risk factor for both diseases
- Axial PsA develops at older age, is less symptomatic, and is associated with distinct radiographic features
- Lack of universally accepted definition of axial PsA
- True comparison of two diseases is challenging



SMART Goals Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely

- Recognize that PsA can present in the dermatology or rheumatology clinic depending on the primary symptom
- Accurately diagnose PsA by utilizing simple and easy-to-administer screening questionnaires
- Screen patients with PsA for common comorbidities





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