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Acr guidelines for rheumatoid arthritis 2017

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Rheumatoid arthritis is a long-term condition that leads to inflammation of tissues, joints and other organs. It develops slowly, and there may be no symptoms at first. Scientists still do not know what causes rheumatoid arthritis. It is an autoimmune disease, which causes the immune system to attack healthy tissues and expose tissue to harmful substances. As a result, the body attacks itself. Prevention of rheumatoid arthritis is impossible. This disease can occur at any age, but women have a higher risk than men. Wrists, knees, feet, fingers and ankles are the most affected body parts. The severity of the disease can vary. Hormones, genes and infection contribute to rheumatoid arthritis. The disease starts slowly and then develops into a serious disease with severe symptoms such as fever, fatigue, weakness and pain. Morning stiffness is also very common. This disease requires lifelong treatment, medications, exercise, physiotherapy and even surgery. Timely treatment can delay joint destruction. Experts do not understand exactly why some people get rheumatoid arthritis, but years of research suggest that the most vulnerable have: A genetic predisposition to RA Has been exposed to a harmful environmental factor (e.g. smoking) Experienced significant disturbances in hormonal balance An imbalance of intestinal microbes, which can be naturally ingrained or occur as a result of an infection or other event See analgesic medications for arthritis Pain Relief Genetics, external toxins, infections and hormones may put some people at higher risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis. See Rheumatologist for arthritis treatment Many scientists believe that RA is most likely to develop in people who have a genetic predisposition to RA and are susceptible to certain environmental factors, experience hormone changes, and/or undergo intestinal microbial changes. Ad The specific gene associated with rheumatoid arthritis, HLA-DR4, is found 60% to 70% of Caucasians with the disease. In contrast, it is found only in 20% of the general population.1 While the presence of this specific genetic marker increases the likelihood of developing rheumatoid arthritis, it is by no means an accurate diagnostic tool. In fact, most doctors do not order this genetic test when diagnosing rheumatoid arthritis. Environmental and lifestyle factors Daily habits seem to have some influence over people's risk of getting rheumatoid arthritis. The most established research in this area focuses on smoking, diet and body weight. See Lifestyle factors and fatigue associated with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) Smoking and nicotine exposure One of the biggest environmental risk factors for rheumatoid arthritis is exposure to nicotine, especially smoking. Although the direct effect of smoking is not fully understood, it is believed that prolonged smoking plays a role in increasing the concentration of rheumatoid factor, which is an antibody (protein). The presence of rheumatoid factor in the blood is a sign that the immune system may be malfunctioning. See Blood Tests to diagnose rheumatoid arthritis (RA) Diet It is unclear exactly how the diet affects the risk of rheumatoid arthritis. A large clinical trial that followed 121,000 women for decades suggests that: Regular drinking of sugary soft drinks is associated with an increased risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis.2 Eating a Mediterranean diet – which encourages eating vegetables, fruits, beans and whole grains do not affect women's risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis.3 Drinking coffee or tea (both caffeinated and uncaffeinated) is not correlated with developing rheumatoid arthritis.4 Moderate consumption of alcohol does not appear to increase women's risk, and may even lower it.5 See an anti-inflammatory diet for arthritis Body weight People who are overweight or obese seem to be at greater risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis.6,7 (The results of a study suggest that being overweight increases the risk of RA for women, but actually reduces the risk to men.8 More research is needed in this area.) In addition, people who are obese seem to have worse symptoms than healthy patients.9 See ways to get exercise when having arthritis Although smoking, diet and weight affect a person's overall risk of getting RA, it is not a direct link - most people who are overweight and smoke will not get rheumatoid arthritis. Interruption of hormone balance The fact that women are more likely to get rheumatoid arthritis suggests hormones are a factor. This idea is further supported by the fact that RA symptoms improve during pregnancy, only to flare up again after birth. There is also evidence that women with irregular menstruation or who go through early menopause have an increased risk of RA.10,11 See pain medications for arthritis pain relief In addition to natural fluctuations in hormones, hormone medications and contraception appear to a role. Oral contraceptives, which may contain doses of the hormone progestin or a combination of progestogen and estrogen, have been correlated with a woman's likelihood of developing rheumatoid arthritis. Ad Some scientists examine the link between bacterial and viral infections and the development of rheumatoid arthritis. Clinical research suggests that there may be links between RA and certain infections, such as gingivitis, the Epstein-Barr virus and chronic hepatitis C.12-15 See Is My Joint Pain Caused by rheumatoid arthritis (RA) or an infection? In addition, some scientists have suggested that a person's microbiome can affect the development of RA.10,11,16,17 A person's microbiome is the collection of microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi, which live in the mouth, intestines, airways and other places on the body. These microorganisms have many roles, including affecting metabolism and the immune system. Although experts have identified possible links between infection and the microbiome and RA, there is not enough evidence to point to clear causes and effects. More research is needed. Page 2 Most people who have rheumatoid arthritis take some form of medication. Medications for RA usually fall into five categories: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); steroids; disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs); biologists; and Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors. See Pain medication for arthritis Pain relief A rheumatologist may recommend a tailored plan to treat your rheumatoid arthritis symptoms. See The role of the rheumatologist in patient care When prescribing a drug, a doctor will take into account the age, disease activity and other medical conditions of the patient, but each patient is unique. Figuring out which medications or combination of medications work best for a person can be challenging and often requires a process of trial and error. See Rheumatologist for Arthritis Treatment ad Most people with RA are advised to take a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug to reduce pain and inflammation. NSAIDs are sold over-the-counter, under such names as Advil and Aleve, as well as by prescription, under names like Mobic and Celebrex. See Pill-Swallowing Techniques and Alternatives to Oral Medicines 2. Steroids (Corticosteroids) Fast acting steroids, such as prednisone, are especially useful during initial treatment, before other RA medications have had a chance to take effect (often 12 weeks or more). One advantage of steroids is that they can be injected into the joints. Injected steroids can provide targeted pain relief to one or two painful joints with limited side effects. Experts recommend taking the lowest possible dose of steroids and discourage relying on them longer than necessary. Steroids' effectiveness often decreases over time – meaning the longer a person takes a steroid, the less likely it is to relieve symptoms. In addition, people who take steroids continuously for several or years may experience side effects such as weight gain, increase in blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease. See Cortisone Injections (Steroid Injections) 3. Methotrexate and other traditional DMARD disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) are used to slow or stop rheumatoid arthritis by suppressing the immune system. The generic names for common DMARDs include: Hydroxychloroquine Methotrexate Sulfasalazine Azathioprine Leflunomide Methotrexate is often the first drug prescribed for people newly diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. RA patients take this medication weekly, alone or in combination with other medicines. High dose methotrexate is also used to treat some cancers. RA patients take significantly lower doses than cancer patients. See Treatments for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) in hands 4. Biologics for Rheumatoid arthritis Biological drugs target and prevent a specific reaction from happening, stopping the inflammatory process. This class of medications, called biological response modifiers, is technically a subset of DMARDs. They can be used with traditional DMARDs or as an alternative to them. Biologics: Disrupt certain parts of the cascade of events that lead to RA inflammation and have the potential to stop the disease process. Increase a person's risk of infection and tend to be expensive. Due to these potential disadvantages, biologists are used when methotrexate or other DMARDs prove to be inadequate or cause unacceptable side effects. May become less effective and/or cause worsening side effects over time. The doctor and patient can work together to monitor changes and determine if and when switching medication is advisable. See Biologics for RA and other autoimmune conditions Biologics fall into four categories: Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors; Interleukin (IL) inhibitors; B-cells inhibitors; and T-cell inhibitors. These medicines are administered by injection or infusion. Examples include Remicade, Enbrel and Humira. See The science behind biologics testing for tuberculosis Before taking any kind of biological medication, a person must be tested for tuberculosis. People who have latent tuberculosis carry the Mycobacterium tuberculosis bacterium without having

tuberculosis symptoms. If a person with latent tuberculosis takes immunosuppressive biological medicines the bacterium can multiply and cause symptomatic tuberculosis. See Risks and side effects of biology 5. Janus Kinase (JAK) Inhibitors JAK enzymes are essential messengers in the inflammatory process of the immune system. When JAK enzymes bind with other cells, called X cells, they trigger inflammation. JAK inhibitors bind to JAK enzymes, preventing them from binding with X Cells and stopping the inflammatory process. Ad The first FDA-approved JAK inhibitor is called Tofacitinib, and it is sold under the names Xeljanz and Xeljanz XR (extended release). As with biological mediations, persons considering taking JAK inhibitors must have a Test. People taking JAK inhibitors are advised to work with their doctors to monitor risks and side effects. Effects.

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