

Psoriatic Arthritis

**A complex and severe disabling
disease**

Introduction to Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)

- Chronic progressive, inflammatory disorder of the joints and skin¹
 - Characterized by osteolysis and bony proliferation¹
 - Clinical manifestations include dactylitis, enthesitis, osteoperiostitis, large joint oligoarthritis, arthritis mutilans, sacroiliitis, spondylitis, and distal interphalangeal arthritis¹
- PsA is one of a group of disorders known as the spondyloarthropathies²
- Males and females are equally affected³
- PsA can range from mild nondestructive disease to a severely rapid and destructive arthropathy³
 - Usually Rheumatoid Factor negative³
- Radiographic damage can be noted in up to 47% of patients at a median interval of two years despite clinical improvement with standard DMARD therapy⁴

¹Taylor WJ. *Curr Opin Rheumatol*. 2002;14:98–103.

²Mease P. *Curr Opin Rheumatol*. 2004;16:366–370.

³Brockbank J, et al. *Exp Opin Invest Drugs*. 2000;9:1511–1522.

⁴Kane D, et al. *Rheumatology*. 2003;42:1460–1468.

Spondyloarthritis, Psoriasis and PsA

Spondyloarthritis (SpA)

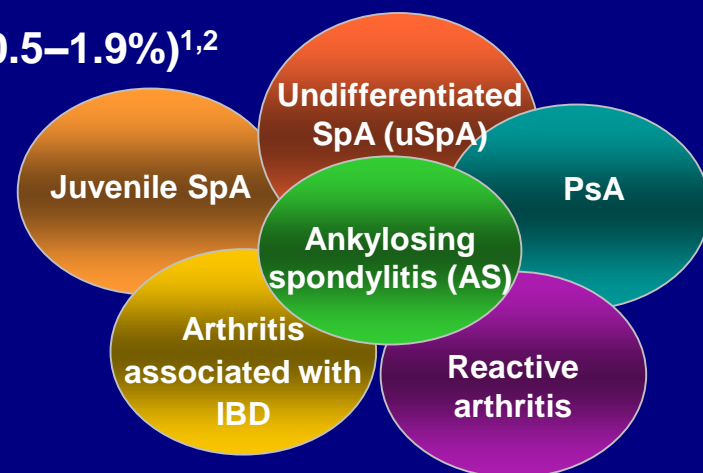
- The prevalence of SpA is comparable to that of RA (0.5–1.9%)^{1,2}

Psoriasis (Pso)

- Psoriasis affects 2% of population
- 7% to 42% of patients with Pso will develop arthritis³

Psoriatic Arthritis

- A chronic and inflammatory arthritis in association with skin psoriasis⁴
- Usually rheumatoid factor (RF) negative and ACPA negative⁵
 - Distinct from RA
- Psoriatic Arthritis is classified as one of the subtypes of spondyloarthropathies
 - Characterized by synovitis, enthesitis, dactylitis, spondylitis, skin and nail psoriasis⁴



¹Rudwaleit M et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2004;63:535-543; ²Braun J et al. Scand J Rheumatol 2005;34:178-90;

³Fitzgerald "Psoriatic Arthritis" in Kelley's Textbook of Rheumatology, 2009;

⁴Mease et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2011;70(Suppl 1):i77-i84. doi:10.1136/ard.2010.140582;

⁵Pasquetti et al. Rheumatology 2009;48:315-325

Psoriatic Arthritis



Epidemiology of PsA

- Recent review undertaken to 2006^{1,2}
 - **Incidence**
 - **Europe+North America:** 3 to 23.1 cases/10⁵
 - **Japan** 0.1 case/10⁵
 - **Prevalence**
 - **Europe+North America** 20 and 420 cases/10⁵
 - **Japan** 1 case/10⁵
- Population-based study/Minnesota (CASPAR criteria)^{2,3}
 - **Incidence**
 - 7.2 cases/10⁵ (men 9.1, female 5.4)
 - **Prevalence**
 - 158 cases/10⁵

The prevalence of PsA is assumed to be larger than expected, since enthesitis associated with PsA can develop without symptoms or signs that are recognizable by patients themselves or the physicians⁴

¹ Alamos et al. J Rheumatol 2008;35:1354-8;

² Wilson F et al. J Rheumatol 2009;36:361-7;

³ Editorial by Chaudran. J Rheumatol 2009;36:213-5;

⁴ Takata et al. J Dermatol Sci. 2011 Nov;64(2):144-7

Signs and Symptoms

- Morning stiffness lasting >30 min in 50% of patients¹
- Ridging, pitting of nails, onycholysis – up 90% of patients vs nail changes in only 40% of psoriasis cases^{2,3}
- Patients may present with less joint tenderness than is usually seen in RA¹
- Dactylitis may be noted in >40% of patients^{2,4}
- Eye inflammation (conjunctivitis, iritis, or uveitis) — 7–33% of cases; uveitis shows a greater tendency to be bilateral and chronic when compared to AS²
- Distal extremity swelling with pitting edema has been reported in 20% of patients as the first isolated manifestation of PsA⁵

¹Gladman DD. In: *Up To Date*. Available at: www.uptodate.com. Accessed December 3, 2004.

²Taurog JD. In: *Harrison's Online McGrawHill*. Available at: <http://www3.accessmedicine.com/popup.aspx?alD=94996&print=yes>. Accessed January 2, 2005.

³Gladman DD. *Rheum Dis Clin N Amer*. 1998;24:829–844.

⁴Veale D, et al. *Br J Rheumatol*. 1994;33:133–38.

⁵Cantini F, et al. *Clin Exp Rheumatol*. 2001;19:291–296.

Main Features of PsA

Clinical

- Psoriasis of skin and nails
- Peripheral arthritis
- Distal interphalangeal (DIP) involvement
- Dactylitis
- Enthesopathy

Laboratory

- Rheumatoid factor (RF) & Anti-citrullinated protein antibodies (ACPA) negative*
- Elevated Acute Phase**

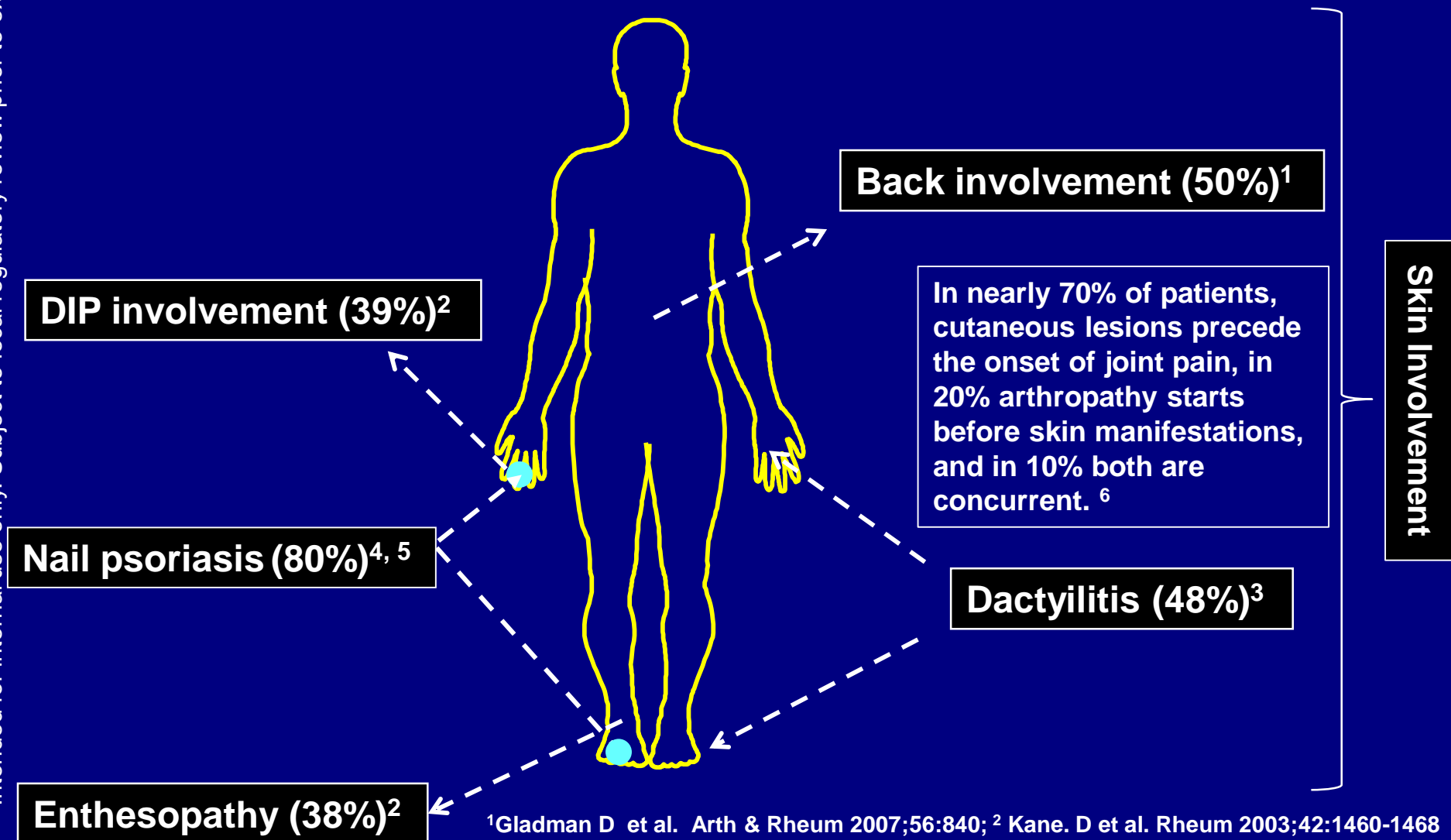
Radiographic

- Erosions and resorptions
- Joint space narrowing or involvement of enthesal sites
- New bone growth at the enthesis
- Syndesmophytes***
- Sacroiliitis***

*Low levels of RF and ACPA can be found in 5-16% of patients; **To a lesser degree than in RA

***Spinal disease occurs in 40-70% of PsA patients

Main Features and Their Frequency



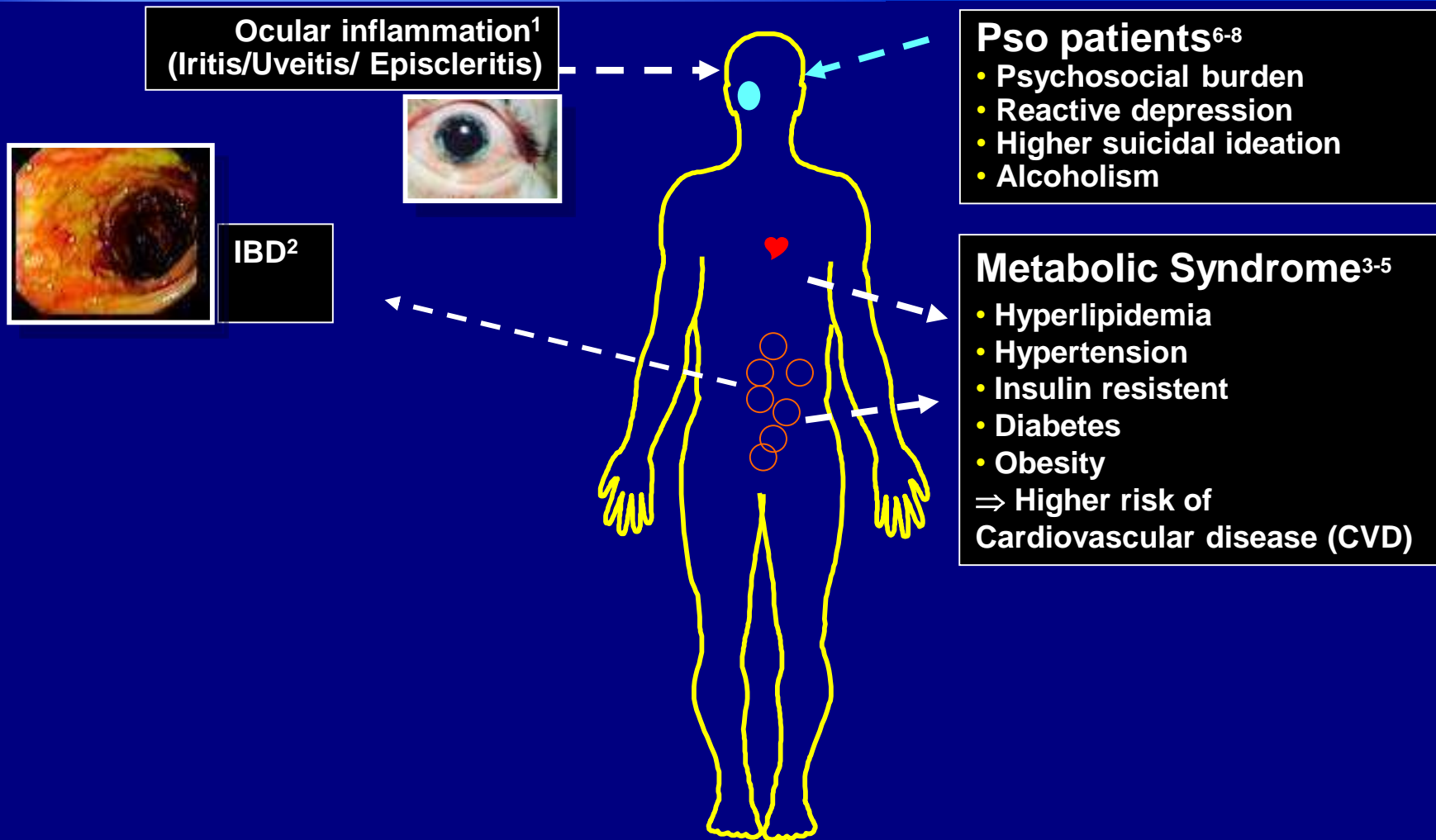
DIP: Distal interphalangeal

¹Gladman D et al. Arth & Rheum 2007;56:840; ² Kane. D et al. Rheum 2003;42:1460-1468

³ Gladman D et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2005;64:188-190; ⁴Lawry M. Dermatol Ther 2007;20:60-67

⁵Jiaravuthisan MM et al. JAAD 2007;57:1-27; ⁶Yamamoto Eur J Dermatol 2011;21:660-6

Comorbidities in PsA Patients

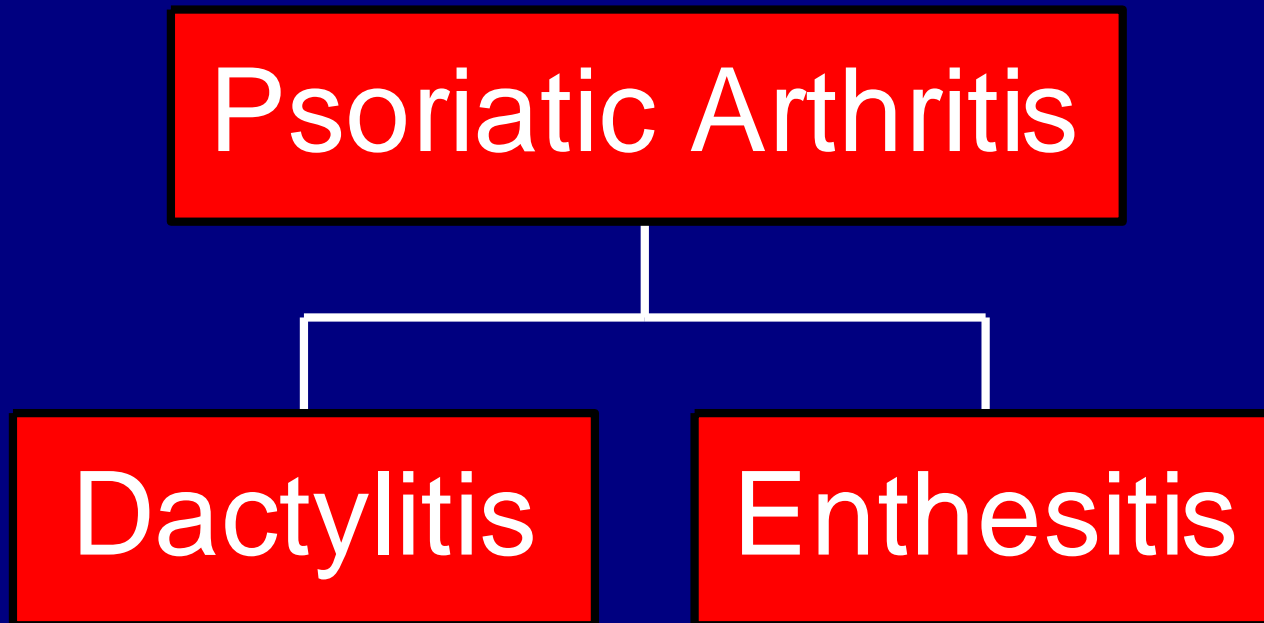


¹Qieiro et al. Semin Arth Rheum 2002;31:264; ²Scarpa et al. J Rheum 2000;27:1241; ³Mallbris et al. Curr Rheum Rep 2006;8:355;

⁴Neimann et al. J Am Acad Derm 2006;55:829; ⁵Tam et al. 2008;47:718; ⁶Kimball et al. Am J Clin Dermatol 2005;6:383-392;

⁷Naldi et al. Br J Dermatol 1992;127:212-217; ⁸Mrowietz U et al. Arch Dermatol Res 2006;298(7):309-319

Hallmark Clinical Features in PsA



Dactylitis

- Diffuse swelling of a digit may be acute, with painful inflammatory changes, or chronic wherein the digit remains swollen despite the disappearance of acute inflammation¹
- Also referred to as “sausage digit”¹
- Recognized as one of the cardinal features of PsA, occurring in up to 40% of patients^{1,2}
- Feet most commonly affected¹
- Dactylitis involved digits show more radiographic damage¹



ACR Slide Collection on the Rheumatic Diseases; 3rd edition. 1994.

¹Brockbank J, et al. *Ann Rheum Dis*. 2005;64:188–190.

²Veale D, et al. *Br J Rheumatol*. 1994;33:133–38.

Definition of Enthesitis

- **Entheses** are the regions at which a tendon, ligament, or joint capsule attaches to bone¹
- **Inflammation at the entheses is called enthesitis** and is a hallmark feature of PsA^{1,2}
- Pathogenesis of enthesitis has yet to be fully elucidated²
- Isolated peripheral enthesitis may be the only rheumatologic sign of PsA in a subset of patients³



¹McGonagle D. *Ann Rheum Dis*. 2005;64(Suppl II):ii58–ii60.

²Anandarajah AP, et al. *Curr Opin Rheumatol*. 2004;16:338–343.

³Salvarani C. *J Rheumatol*. 1997;24:1106–1140.

Classification Criteria of PsA

How to diagnose PsA?

Classical Description of PsA Using the Diagnostic Criteria of Moll and Wright

- Including 5 clinical patterns:

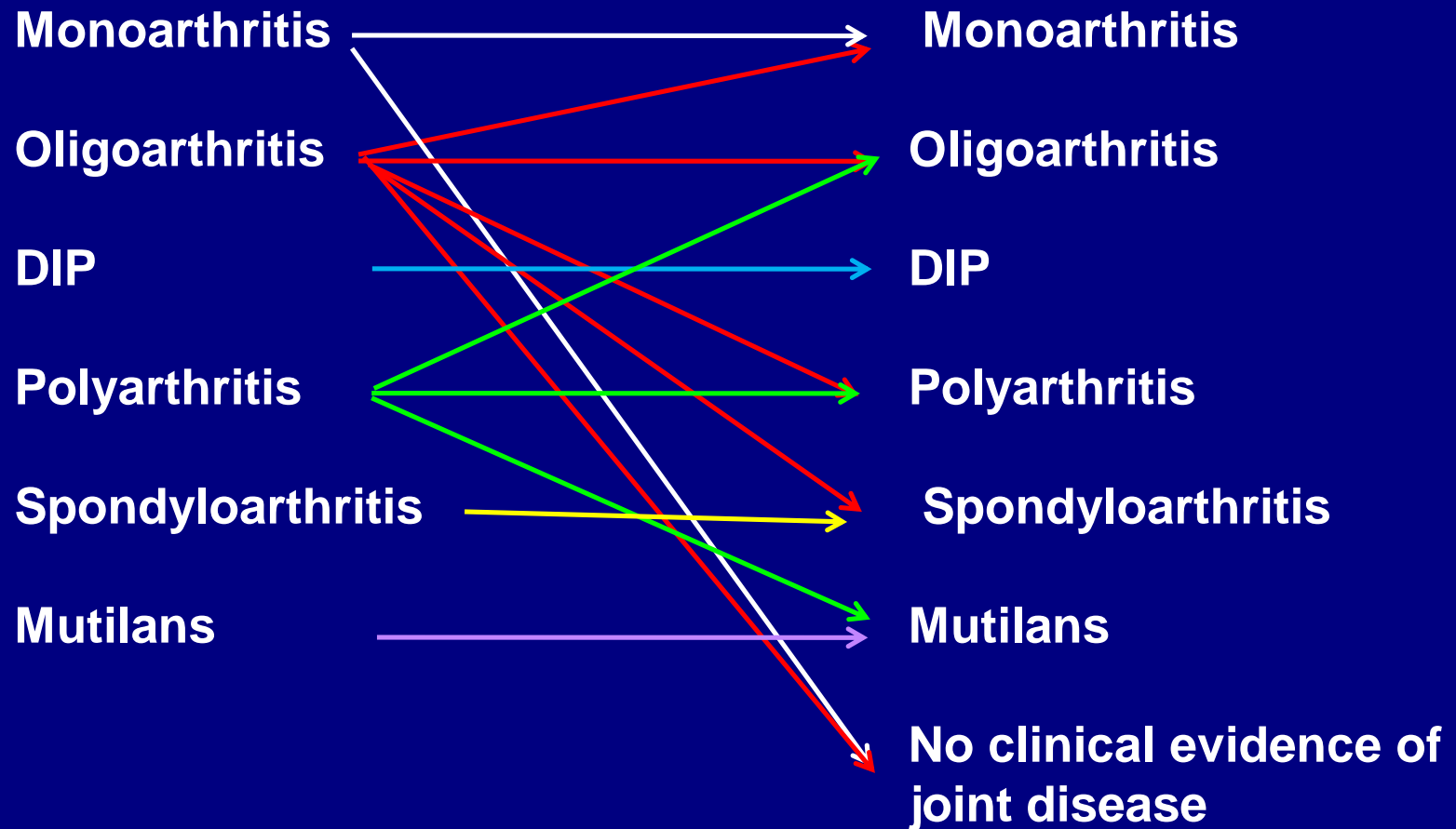
- Asymmetric mono-/oligoarthritis (~30% [range 12-70%])¹⁻⁴
- Symmetric polyarthritis (~45% [range 15-65%])¹⁻⁴
- Distal interphalangeal (DIP) joint involvement (~5%)¹
- Axial (spondylitis and Sacroiliitis) (HLA-B27) (~5%)^{1,3}
- Arthritis Mutilans (<5%)^{1,3}



- However patterns may change over time and are therefore not useful for classification⁵

Patterns may Change Over Time and are Therefore not Useful for Classification

Clinical subgroups at baseline and follow-up:



CASPAR Criteria for the Classification of PsA

- Inflammatory articular disease (joint, spine, or entheses)
- With ≥ 3 points from following categories:
 - Psoriasis: current (2), history (1), family history (1)
 - Nail dystrophy (1)
 - Negative rheumatoid factor (1)
 - Dactylitis: current (1), history (1) recorded by a rheumatologist
 - Radiographs: (hand/foot) evidence of juxta-articular new bone formation
- Specificity 98.7%, Sensitivity 91.4%

Spondyloarthritis and Classification Criteria

Spondyloarthropathies

Axial and Peripheral

AMOR criteria (1990)

ESSG criteria (1991)

Axial Spondyloarthritis

ASAS classification 2009

Peripheral Spondyloarthritis

ASAS classification 2010

Ankylosing spondylitis

Prototype of axial spondylitis

Modified New York criteria 1984

Infliximab (IFX) and Golimumab (GLM)
indications

Psoriatic arthritis

From Moll & Wright 1973 to CASPAR criteria 2006

Treatment of PsA

Outcomes measurements

Outcome Measure in PsA

Psoriatic Arthritis Response Criteria (PsARC)

- Clinical assessment of joint improvement, no skin assessment
- Improvement in at least 2 of 4 criteria, one of which must be tender or swollen-joint score
 - Physician global assessment (> 1 unit)
 - Patient global assessment (> 1 unit)
 - Tender-joint score (> 30%)
 - Swollen-joint score (> 30%)
- No worsening in any criterion