

PROTOCOL TO ASSESS EARLY INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS REFERRALS

	Yes	No
1. Pain and/or swelling to several joints (>3jts) for 6 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Significant early morning stiffness (EMS >60 min)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Increasing disability of affected joints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Examination confirms swollen, tender MCP/MTP joints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Symmetrical joint involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Reduced range of movement at peripheral joints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Raised CRP or ESR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Good response to NSAID's	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Rheumatoid factor positive (and/or anti CCP Ab positive)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Erosions on X-ray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NB X-rays may be normal
ESR may be normal
Rheumatoid Factor may be normal