

RHEUMATOLOGY SHORT CASES

Introduction

This module covers four common rheumatological conditions. These are:

- psoriatic arthritis
- gout
- polymyalgia rheumatica
- hypermobility

The cases cover aspects of these conditions which were identified as being particularly challenging to manage by a group of primary care professionals and highlight recent changes in the evidence base and guidance for diagnosis. There is not room in the module to cover the full diagnosis and treatment of each of these diagnoses.

An updated table in [Appendix 4](#) describes the common diagnostic tests for rheumatological conditions relevant to primary care, as this was felt to be useful in a previous module which is now discontinued. [Appendix 5](#) is an algorithm to help with the differential diagnosis of joint pain.