Joint Pain

Patient Assessment Tool

This Patient Assessment Tool can help to identify patients with joint pain in whom rheumatoid arthritis should be considered.

To make the best use of this tool, follow these simple instructions:

1. Tear out a patient assessment tool and have patients with joint pain and/or swelling complete the form.
2. Collect from the patient and complete the bottom section of the form.
3. Enter the information into the electronic health record OR include the form as part of the patient record if you do not have electronic health records.
4. Present this form and appropriate documentation to the physician.
For the patient:
Please answer the following questions and return this form to the front desk

1. Why are you seeing the doctor today?

2. When you get up in the morning, do you have stiffness in your joints for longer than 30 minutes?
   - Yes
   - No

3. If you have pain or swelling in your joints, please mark an “X” in the circle indicating the affected joint.

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Collect the form prior to the patient seeing the healthcare provider. Complete the boxes below based on patient’s responses and enter the information into the electronic health record, or include the form as part of the patient record if you do not have electronic health records.

- Morning Stiffness: Yes/No
- Joint Pain: Yes/No
- Joint Swelling: Yes/No

Note: This tool is intended to be used by a qualified medical professional to assist a patient in describing symptoms related to joint pain, and is not intended to be used for diagnostic purposes or in substitution of proper diagnostic procedures.