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Teaching Methodology

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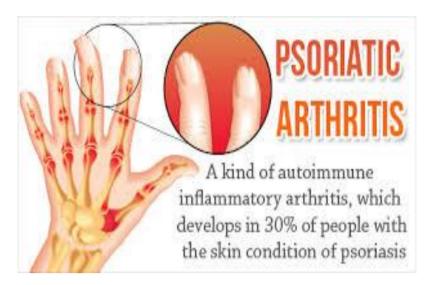
Session : Psoriatic Arthritis

Academic Day starts with -

Greeting with saying 'Namaste' by joining Hands together following by
2-3 Minutes Happy session, Celebrating birthday of any student of respective class and National Anthem

Lecture Starts with-

- **Review of previous Session-** In previous session we have discussed about Reactive arthritis.
- **Topic to be discussed today-** Today I will start with Psoriatic Arthritis.
- Lesson deliverance (ICT, Diagrams & Live Example)-
 - ➤ PPT (15 Slides)
 - Diagrams



Picture of Psoriatic Arthritis

- It is a chronic inflammatory arthritis that affects 5–42% of persons with psoriasis.
- It refers to an inflammatory musculoskeletal disease that has both **autoimmune** and **autoinflammatory** features occurring in individuals with psoriasis.
- It is seronegative.
- Often involved the distal interphalangeal (DIP) joints of the fingers and the spine and sacroiliac joints.
- It has features similar to those of AS and ReA.
- Onset of psoriasis usually precedes development of joint disease.
- Nail changes are seen in 90% of pts with psoriatic arthritis.
- Six pattern of nail involvement: pitting, horizontal ridging, onycholysis, yellowish discoloration of nail margins, dystrophic hyperkeratosis, and combination of these findings.



Pic: Psoriatic Arthritis

Pattern of Joints Involvement

- There are five patterns of joint involvement
- Asymmetric oligoarthritis: often involves distal interphalangeal/proximal interphalangeal (DIP/PIP) joints of hands and feet, knees, wrists, ankles; "sausage digits" may be present, reflecting tendon sheath inflammation.
- **Symmetric polyarthritis** (40%): resembles rheumatoid arthritis except rheumatoid factor is negative, absence of rheumatoid nodules.
- **Predominantly DIP joint involvement** (15%): high frequency of association with psoriatic nail changes.
- **Arthritis mutilans** (3–5%): aggressive, destructive form of arthritis with severe joint deformities and bony dissolution.
- **Spondylitis and/or sacroiliitis**: axial involvement is present in 20–40% of pts with psoriatic arthritis; may occur in absence of peripheral arthritis.

Evaluation

- Negative tests for rheumatoid factor.
- Hypoproliferative anemia, elevated ESR.
- Hyperuricemia may be present.
- HIV infection should be suspected in fulminant disease.
- Inflammatory synovial fluid and biopsy without specific findings.
- Radiographic features include erosion at joint margin, bony ankylosis, tuft resorption of terminal phalanges, "pencil-in-cup" deformity (bone proliferation at base of distal phalanx with tapering of proximal phalanx), axial skeleton with asymmetric sacroiliitis, asymmetric nonmarginal syndesmophytes.



Pic Showing Radiographic Changes in Psoriatic Arthritis

Diagnosis (CASPAR criteria)

- Patient must have inflammatory articular disease (joint, spine, or entheseal) with ≥ 3 points from any of the following five categories:
- Evidence of current psoriasis, a personal history of psoriasis, or a family history of psoriasis.
- Typical psoriatic nail dystrophy*e* observed on current physical examination.

A negative test result for rheumatoid factor

- Either current dactylitis or a history of dactylitis recorded by a rheumatologist.
- Radiographic evidence of juxtaarticular new bone formation in the hand or foot.

Treatment

- Coordinated therapy is directed at the skin and joints.
- Patient education, physical and occupational therapy.
- TNF modulatory agents, infliximab.
- NSAIDs.
- Intraarticular steroid injections
- Efficacy of gold salts and antimalarials
- Sulfasalazine
- Methotrexate
- Leflunomide

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- Suggestions to secure good marks to answer in exam-
- Write the definition, etiopathogenesis, clinical features, investigation and management of Psoriatic Arthritis
- Next Lecture : Gout
- Day ends with National song' Vande Mataram'