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Current Fields of Research

- Pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases
 - Experimental arthritis
 - Experimental lupus
 - In-vivo imaging
 - Regulatory T-cells
 - Antigen presentation
 - Tissue engineering
 - Autoantibodies
 - Role of cytokines

- Outcomes research
 - Disease activity assessment
 - Nature of functional impairment
 - Patient reported outcomes
 - International classification of function
 - Health economics
 - Prediction of response
 - Early arthritis
 - Imaging

- Clinical trials
 - Investigator driven trials
 - Early arthritis
 - Osteoarthritis
 - Industry driven trials

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