

MESSAGE TO ALL RHEUMATOLOGISTS AND INTERNISTS IN CHARGE OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS PATIENTS

Dear Colleagues,

Recently we established a Task Force under the umbrella of the EULAR Standing committee on Musculoskeletal imaging for developing “**Appropriateness criteria for the use of ultrasound in Rheumatoid Arthritis clinical practice**”.

Although the use of ultrasound has widely increased in the last few years, few data exist on the impact and appropriate use of ultrasound in RA daily practice.

This task force has been developed in several steps, and one of the steps is to assess the actual use of ultrasound in clinical management of patients with RA across Europe, by recording **your opinion** on its appropriate use.

You are asked to review 2 clinical cases (it will take less than 10 minutes to answer). The clinical cases are drawn from real life and have been developed as clinical web vignettes. We ask you to respond to these clinical cases as you would manage them in your practice.

If you think that ultrasound is useful or, on the contrary, not useful in the management of rheumatoid arthritis, please respond to this survey. Your opinion is important to us!

Please **confirm your wish to participate by sending an email with the message “I would like to participate to the survey of the EULAR Task force “US appropriateness criteria in RA” to the following address:**

us.appropriateness.criteria18@gmail.com

You will receive personal code to access to the survey.

All the EULAR Ultrasound task force thank you for your willingness to participate to this survey!

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