

**Primary Care Referral Criteria for Suspected Early Inflammatory Arthritis**

Dear Referrer,

Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) operates a single hospital service for Early Inflammatory Arthritis (EIA) which covers services provided at all MFT Hospital Sites (Wythenshawe Hospital, Withington Hospital, Trafford General Hospital and Manchester Royal Infirmary).

All referrals for suspected EIA are triaged against the below evidence-based criteria.

Patients referred and accepted will be offered the earliest available appointment at any MFT site. Please note this may not be the hospital nearest to the patient’s home address.

In order to successfully triage referrals, please select the relevant indication(s) for referral below:

Patient Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Patient DoB: Click or tap here to enter text.

Patient NHS Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

* Recent Onset Swollen Joint(s) < 6 months
* Symptoms worse in morning with > 30 mins early morning stiffness
* Pain on squeezing knuckles/PIPS /toes
* Joint symptoms responding to NSAIDs
* Raised inflammatory markers (ESR+/- CRP)
* Positive CCP +/- RF
* Swollen small joints of hands and/or feet

A positive response to 3 or more should be referred to rheumatology as suspected Early Inflammatory Arthritis for rapid review in EIA clinic.

Please attach the completed form to your referral.

Thank you