BRITISH RHEUMATOLOGISTS IN TRAINING SESSION: INTERACTIVE CLINICAL TEACHING ON SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS

I99. SCLERODERMA: CURRENT CLINICAL CHALLENGES AND CASE-BASED DISCUSSION

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SSc (scleroderma) remains a major clinical challenge despite recent advances in understanding of the disease biology and also better and more effective treatments for individual complications of the disease. Currently patients are classified according to the extent of skin disease into diffuse or limited cases although long term outcome deepens more upon the presence of internal organ complications that can occur in either subset. Cases of lung fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, gastrointestinal tract disease and scleroderma renal crisis will be discussed and current best practice management of these specific aspects of the disease together with more general strategies for assessment, screening and risk stratification of SSc will be discussed.

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