

National Early Inflammatory Arthritis Referral Form



Irish Society for Rheumatology



This form must go to your selected Consultant and not to the Office of ISR

- Please use this form if you believe the patient requires **rapid assessment of the symptoms / signs of inflammatory arthritis listed below**. (Otherwise please refer the patient in the usual way for your practice)
- Participating rheumatology centres will see patients with suspected inflammatory arthritis with a completed referral form within 6 weeks of receipt of referral. A list of participating centres is available on www.isr.ie

Patient Details	General Practitioner Details
Surname: <input type="text"/>	Name: <input type="text"/>
First Name: <input type="text"/> DOB: <input type="text"/>	Address: <input type="text"/>
Address: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mobile No: <input type="text"/> Tel day: <input type="text"/>	Telephone: <input type="text"/> Fax: <input type="text"/>
Tel Evening: <input type="text"/> Hospital No. (if known): <input type="text"/>	Mobile: <input type="text"/>
First language: <input type="text"/> Interpreter required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Council Registration No.: <input type="text"/>
Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Assistance: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Duration of symptoms	< 6 weeks	< 6 months	< 2yrs
(Please tick relevant box)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tick if any of the below are positive

3 or more swollen joints	<input type="checkbox"/>		
MCP /MTP involvement (squeeze test positive)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Early Morning Stiffness > 30 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Personal or family Hx of:	<input type="checkbox"/> Psoriasis	<input type="checkbox"/> Colitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Uveitis
Personal Hx of:	<input type="checkbox"/> Back Pain or Stiffness*	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Infective Illness	

*If back pain is the only feature you have identified, the Ankylosing Spondylitis Advisory Council guidance of when to refer back pain will help you further. Please logon to www.isr.ie to download the Back in Action GP Information Booklet.

Investigations* – the following blood tests should be done in all patients with suspected inflammatory arthritis:
FBC, ESR, CRP, Rheumatoid Factor, Anti CCP (where available), ANA, U&E, LFTs, Urate

ESR	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if completed	Results:	<input type="text"/>
CRP	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if completed	Results:	<input type="text"/>
Rheumatoid Factor	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if completed	Results:	<input type="text"/>
Anti CCP	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if completed	Results:	<input type="text"/>

*Please append relevant test results

Please fill in relevant sections below (or provide this information in the form of a letter)

Referring Notes

Medical Conditions

Drug Allergies

Current Medications

Referral Centre

Consultant Name:

Fax:

Address:

Office Number:

Email:

GP signature _____ Referral date _____

For Hospital Use:

Date of referral received: _____

Seen within guidelines:

Date of appointment offered: _____

Yes

Urgent Referral (to be seen within 6 weeks)

Reason patient did not accept first appointment offered: _____

No

Routine Referral