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1 **ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT**

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3 This project of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) has the broad objective of developing an
4 evidence-based clinical practice guideline for the management of juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) in
5 topic areas not already covered by the ACR-Arthritis Foundation 2019 JIA and uveitis guidelines.

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7 **BACKGROUND**

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9 Juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) is a collection of chronic idiopathic autoimmune non-infectious
10 arthritides. By definition, disease onset is prior to 16 years of age and includes joint inflammation that is
11 present for 6 weeks or more after the exclusion of other forms of arthritis. JIA affects approximately 1
12 in 1,000 children; approximately 50% of children have oligoarticular disease (involves 4 or fewer joints),
13 40% have polyarticular (involves 5 or more joints), and ~10% have systemic symptoms along with
14 arthritis (i.e., systemic arthritis).

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16 The cardinal clinical features are persistent swelling and pain of the joints. Morning stiffness may be
17 present and typically improves throughout the day with joint use. Linear growth delay can occur in
18 children with JIA, and untreated arthritis can lead to severe joint deformities and disability. Uveitis is
19 the most common extra-articular manifestation and can lead to ocular complications and permanent
20 vision loss. Regular screening by ophthalmology for early detection and timely treatment is crucial.

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22 Treatment depends on the severity of disease and associated manifestations, including presence of
23 systemic features and/or extra articular manifestations. Biologic therapies have significantly changed
24 the approach to treatment for JIA, and new data continue to accumulate regarding their effectiveness.
25 Given these and other new data, updated recommendations for the treatment of JIA patients are
26 needed to help clinicians optimize the care of these patients.

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28 **OBJECTIVES**

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30 The objective of this project is to develop recommendations for the pharmacologic and non-
31 pharmacologic treatments for treatment juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA), covering topics that were not
32 covered in the ACR-Arthritis Foundation 2019 JIA and uveitis guidelines.

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34 Specifically, we aim to:

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36 1. Develop recommendations for the use of glucocorticoids, non-biologic, and biologic disease-
37 modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) for the treatment of children with *oligoarticular JIA*
arthritis, taking into consideration both safety and efficacy issues.

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- 38 2. Develop recommendations for the use of glucocorticoids, non-biologic, and biologic disease-
39 modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) for the treatment of children with *TMJ arthritis*,
40 taking into consideration both safety and efficacy issues.
- 41 3. Develop recommendations for the use of non-biologic and biologic disease-modifying anti-
42 rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) for the treatment for children with *systemic JIA*, taking into
43 consideration both safety and efficacy issues.
- 44 4. Develop screening guidelines for the use of conventional and biologic DMARDs for the
45 treatment of children with JIA.
- 46 5. Develop guidance for the use of immunizations for children with JIA.
- 47 6. Develop guidance for the use of imaging for children with JIA.
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49 **METHODS**

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51 *Identification of Studies*

52 Literature search strategies, based on PICO questions (Population/patients, Intervention, Comparator,
53 and Outcomes; *see Appendix A*) will be developed by the Core Team and a research librarian, after input
54 into the PICO questions was received from the entire guideline development team. The search strategies
55 will be peer reviewed by another medical librarian using Peer Review of Electronic Search Strategies
56 (PRESS) (1). Searches will be performed in OVID Medline (1946 +), Embase (1974 +), the Cochrane
57 Library, and PubMed (mid-1960s +).

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59 The search strategies will be developed using the controlled vocabulary or thesauri language for each
60 database: Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) for OVID Medline, PubMed and Cochrane Library; and
61 Emtree terms for Embase. Text words will also be used in OVID Medline, PubMed, and Embase, and
62 keyword/title/abstract words in the Cochrane Library.

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64 *Search Limits*

65 Only English language articles will be retrieved.

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67 *Grey Literature*

68 The websites of appropriate agencies, such as the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ),
69 will be searched for peer-reviewed reports not indexed by electronic databases.

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71 *Literature Search Update*

72 Literature searches will be updated just before the voting panel meeting to ensure completeness.

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75 *Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria*

76 See PICO questions (*Appendix A*), which outline the defined patient population, interventions,
77 comparators and outcomes.

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79 *Management of Studies and Data*

80 References and abstracts will be imported into bibliographic management software (Reference
81 Manager) (2), duplicates removed, and exported to Distiller SR, a web-based systematic review manager
82 (3). Screening and data abstraction forms will be created in Distiller SR. Search results will be divided
83 among reviewers, and two reviewers will screen each title/abstract, with disagreements at the
84 title/abstract screening stage defaulting to inclusion for full manuscript review. Following the same dual
85 review process, disagreements at the full manuscript screening stage will be discussed and adjudicated
86 by the literature review leadership, if necessary.

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88 *Phases*

- 89 1. A search for randomized controlled trials and observational studies about interventions aimed
90 at treatment of JIA and prevention of JIA flares and complications will be performed to
91 determine existing studies covering outcomes of interest.
- 92 2. Additionally, recently published systematic reviews covering outcomes of interest will also be
93 sought and used for reference cross-checking.
- 94 3. Chosen studies will be quality-assessed using the Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool, the Cochrane
95 Effective Practice and Organization of Care Risk of Bias Tool, the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (4), or
96 a similar tool.
- 97 4. Subsequently, identified studies will be assessed using the RevMan (5) and GRADE Pro tools (6).

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99 *GRADE Methodology*

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101 GRADE methodology will be used in this project to grade available evidence and facilitate development
102 of recommendations. The certainty in the evidence (also known as ‘quality’ of evidence) will be graded
103 as high, moderate, low or very low. The recommendations will have a strength, strong or conditional,
104 and a direction, as in favor or against the intervention. The strength of recommendations will not
105 depend solely on the certainty in the evidence, but also on patient preferences and values, and the
106 weight between benefits and harms. A series of articles that describe the GRADE methodology can be
107 found on the GRADE working group’s website: www.gradeworkinggroup.org.

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110 *Analysis and Synthesis*

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112 The literature review team will analyze and synthesize data from included studies that address the PICO
113 questions. An evidence profile, including a GRADE Summary of Findings table, will be prepared for each
114 PICO question using Review Manager (RevMan) (5) and GRADEprofiler (GRADEpro) software (6). The
115 Summary of Findings table contains the benefits and harms for each outcome across studies, the
116 assumed and corresponding risk for comparators and interventions (95% CI), the absolute risk and
117 relative effect (95% CI), the number of participants/number of studies, and the certainty in the evidence
118 for each critical and important outcome (i.e., high, moderate, low or very low).

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120 The evidence profile documents the overall certainty in the evidence for each critical and important
121 outcome across studies and summarizes the rationale of the GRADE criteria for downgrading (risk of
122 bias, inconsistency, indirectness, imprecision and publication bias), or upgrading the certainty in a body
123 of evidence (large magnitude of effect, dose-response gradient, and all plausible confounding that
124 would reduce a demonstrated effect).

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126 *Development of Recommendation Statements*

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128 PICO questions will be revised into drafted recommendation statements. Using the GRADE Evidence
129 Profiles and Summaries of Findings tables, the voting panel, consisting of 12 pediatric rheumatologists
130 and two patient representatives, will consider the drafted recommendation statements in two stages.
131 The first assessment will be done individually, and the results will be anonymous; this vote will only be
132 used to determine where consensus might or might not already exist and develop the voting panel
133 meeting agenda. At the face-to-face voting panel meeting, chaired by the principal investigators, the
134 panelists will discuss the evidence in the context of their clinical experience and expertise to arrive at
135 consensus on the final recommendations. The voting panel meeting discussions will be supported by the
136 literature review leader, the GRADE expert, and selected members of the literature review team, who
137 will attend the meeting to provide details about the evidence, as requested. Voting panel discussions
138 and decisions will be informed by a separately convened patient panel, which will meet in the days
139 before the voting panel meeting, to provide unique patient perspectives on the drafted
140 recommendations based on their experiences and the available literature.

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142 **PLANNED APPENDICES (AT MINIMUM)**

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144 A. Final literature search strategies

145 B. GRADE evidence profiles and summary of findings tables for each PICO question

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149 **AUTHORSHIP**

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151 Authorship of the guideline will include: principal investigator, Dr. Karen Onel, as the lead author; a
152 literature review leader to be determined; Drs. Daniel Horton, Susan Shenoi and Daniel Lovell, content
153 experts; and Dr. Carlos A. Cuello Garcia, GRADE expert. Members of the literature review team and
154 voting panel will also be authors. The PI will determine final authorship, dependent on the efforts made
155 by individuals throughout the guideline development process, using international authorship standards
156 as guidance.

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158 **DISCLOSURES/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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160 The ACR's disclosure and COI policies for guideline development will be followed for this project. These
161 can be found in the ACR Guideline Manual on [this page of the ACR web site](#), under Policies &
162 Procedures. *See Appendix B for participant disclosures.*

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177 **APPENDIX A – PICO Questions**

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179 [Oligoarticular JIA](#)

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181 **POPULATION:**

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183 This group includes children with Oligoarticular JIA (< 5 joints involved). This includes children from different ILAR JIA categories but excludes
184 children with systemic arthritis or axial arthritis. These guidelines are not intended to be applicable to children with JIA and other active extra-
185 articular manifestations (e.g., psoriasis, uveitis, IBD) that may influence treatment decisions. Treatment groups currently considered are 1) low
186 disease activity (LDA) versus moderate/high disease activity as determined by JADAS and 2) presence or absence of risk factors (presence of risk
187 factors defined as one or more of the following: + RF, + anti-CCP, + HLA-B27, radiographic evidence of joint damage). Initial therapy is disease
188 activity irrespective. The questions are intended to address typical patients.

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190 **INTERVENTIONS:**

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Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	Any at therapeutic dosing [ibuprofen, naproxen, tolmentin, indomethacin, meloxicam, nabumetone, diclofenac, piroxicam, etodolac, celecoxib]
Conventional disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)	Methotrexate, Sulfasalazine, Hydroxychloroquine, Leflunomide

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Biologic DMARDs	Tumor necrosis factor alpha inhibitors (TNFi): Adalimumab, Etanercept, Infliximab, Golimumab, Certolizumab pegol Other Biologic Response Modifiers (OBRM): Abatacept, Tocilizumab, Rituximab, Tofacitinib, Secukinumab
Glucocorticoids	Oral: Any Intraarticular: Triamcinolone Acetonide, Triamcinolone Hexacetonide, Methylprednisolone Acetate
Non-medical interventions	Physical Therapy (PT) Occupational Therapy (OT) Dietary changes Herbal supplements

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OUTCOMES:

Critical Outcomes:

- Quality of life (QOL) (e.g., PedsQL, CHQ, PROMIS)
- Disease activity (including active joint count, patient/parent global, MD global, ESR/CRP) as measured by the individual variables and/or composite disease activity measure (e.g., Pediatric ACR response, JADAS)
- ACR provisional criteria for clinical inactive disease
- Functional ability (e.g., CHAQ/PROMIS)
- Joint damage requiring surgical intervention
- Significant limb length discrepancy

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- 203 - Significant or life-threatening adverse events (e.g., hospitalization, infection, malignancy)

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205 *Important Outcomes:*

- 206 - Arthritis-related pain
207 - Preservation of normal growth and development
208 - Fatigue
209 - Joint damage
210 - Significant medication side effects leading to medication discontinuation

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212 *Risk Factors:*

- 213 - Signs of joint damage
214 - Presence of RF or CCP antibodies
215 - Severe functional impairment

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217 NSAIDS

- 218 1. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, should a trial of consistent NSAIDs be recommended and should there be any preferred NSAID
219 treatment?

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221 Glucocorticoids

- 222 2. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, should adding intraarticular glucocorticoids to initial therapy be recommended?
223 3. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, should adding oral steroids to initial therapy be recommended?
224 4. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, should a specific steroid type be recommended for intraarticular injection?

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228 Non-biologic DMARDs

229 5. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, should DMARD therapies be recommended, and should there be any preferred order of
230 treatment: methotrexate (subcutaneous and oral), leflunomide, sulfasalazine, and/or hydroxychloroquine?

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232 Biologics

233 6. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, should biologic therapies be recommended, and should there be any preferred order of
234 treatment: anti-TNF treatment, biologic treatments with other mechanisms of action?

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236 Non-medical treatments

237 7. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, should dietary or herbal interventions be recommended, in addition to whatever other
238 therapeutic options are given, versus not recommending them?

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240 PT/OT (REGARDLESS OF CONCURRENT MEDICATION USE)

241 8. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, regardless of disease activity and risk factors, should PT/OT versus no PT/OT (regardless of
242 concomitant medical therapy) be recommended?

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244 Risk factors and disease activity

245 9. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, should *risk factors* alter the treatment paradigm?

246 10. In patients with oligoarticular JIA, should *disease activity measures* alter the treatment paradigm?

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249 [TMJ](#)

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251 **POPULATION:**

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253 This group is intended to include patients with predominant TMJ arthritis who may include patients from any of the ILAR JIA categories. Patients
254 may or may not have active peripheral joint disease in addition to active TMJ arthritis to be included in these recommendations, but it is
255 anticipated that patients with peripheral Oligoarticular JIA would otherwise be treated using the Oligoarticular JIA recommendations included in
256 this update.

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258 **DEFINITIONS:**

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260 *Active TMJ arthritis* is disease considered active by the examining clinician based upon clinical exam findings, patient-reported symptoms of
261 inflammatory jaw pain, and prior or current MRI findings consistent with active TMJ inflammatory disease.

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263 **INTERVENTIONS:**

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Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	Any at therapeutic dosing [ibuprofen, naproxen, tolmetin, indomethacin, meloxicam, nabumetone, diclofenac, piroxicam, etodolac, celecoxib]
Glucocorticoids	Oral: Any Intraarticular: Triamcinolone Acetonide, Triamcinolone Hexacetonide, Methylprednisolone acetate

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Non-biological disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)	Methotrexate, Sulfasalazine, Hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide
Non-medical interventions	Physical therapy (PT), including devices such as mouth guards Dietary changes Herbal supplements

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OUTCOMES:

Critical Outcomes:

- Quality of life (QOL) (e.g., PedsQL, CHQ, PROMIS)
- Disease activity components (e.g., active joint count, patient/parent global, MD global, ESR/CRP) as measured by the individual variables and/or composite disease activity measure (e.g., Pediatric ACR response, JADAS)
- ACR provisional criteria for clinical inactive disease
- Functional ability (e.g., CHAQ/PROMIS)
- Joint damage *requiring surgical intervention*
- Significant or life-threatening adverse events (e.g., hospitalization, infection, malignancy)
- Resolution of MRI findings consistent with active TMJ arthritis

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279 *Important Outcomes:*

- 280 - Arthritis-related pain
- 281 - Preservation of normal growth and development
- 282 - Fatigue
- 283 - Joint damage
- 284 - Significant medication side effects leading to medication discontinuation

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286 **ACTIVE TMJ ARTHRITIS**

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288 NSAIDS

- 289 11. In patients with active TMJ arthritis, should a trial of consistent NSAIDs be recommended and should there be any preferred NSAID
290 treatment?

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292 Glucocorticoids

- 293 12. In patients with active TMJ arthritis, should adding intraarticular glucocorticoids to initial therapy be recommended?

- 294 13. In patients with active TMJ arthritis, should adding oral glucocorticoids to initial therapy be recommended?

- 295 14. In patients with active TMJ arthritis, should a specific steroid type be recommended for intraarticular injection?

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297 Non-biologic DMARDs

- 298 15. In patients with active TMJ arthritis, should DMARD therapies be recommended, and should there be any preferred order of treatment:
299 methotrexate (subcutaneous and oral), leflunomide, sulfasalazine, and/or hydroxychloroquine?

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301 Biologics

- 302 16. In patients with active TMJ arthritis, should biologic therapies be recommended, and should there be any preferred order of treatment:
303 anti-TNF treatment, biologic treatments with other mechanisms of action?

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305 Non-medical treatments

306 17. In patients with active TMJ arthritis, should dietary or herbal interventions be recommended, in addition to whatever other therapeutic
307 options are given, versus not recommending them?

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309 PT (REGARDLESS OF CONCURRENT MEDICATION USE)

310 18. In patients with active TMJ arthritis, regardless of disease activity and risk factors, should PT versus no PT (regardless of concomitant
311 medical therapy) be recommended?

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313 Risk factors and disease activity

314 19. In patients with active TMJ arthritis, should risk factors alter the treatment paradigm?

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317 Systemic JIA (sJIA) with and without Macrophage Activation Syndrome (MAS)

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319 **POPULATION:**

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321 Broad population includes systemic JIA with or without MAS, both overt and subclinical. These guidelines are not intended to be applicable to
322 children with other categories of JIA and other active extra-articular manifestations (e.g., psoriasis, uveitis, IBD) that may influence treatment
323 decisions.

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325 Patients divided into 3 treatment groups: 1) sJIA and no MAS; 2) sJIA and subclinical MAS; 3) sJIA and MAS.

326 - Disease activity is measured using PhGAS. PhGAS < 3 intended to define a low risk group of patients that may not need biologics or
327 glucocorticoids (e.g., NSAID monotherapy).

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- 328 - Subclinical MAS is defined as: elevated inflammatory marker (CRP), disproportionately low platelet, elevated ferritin,
 329 hepatosplenomegaly, +/- coagulopathy.
 330 - MAS is defined using Ravelli criteria; however, it is notable that these are classification criteria and sensitivity is < 80%, and
 331 therefore, physician judgement is the most important element.
 332 - Improvement is defined as \geq mpACR 50 at 2 weeks (resolution of fever and down trending ESR/CRP indicative of improvement in
 333 systemic inflammatory component and decreasing joint count reflecting arthritis).
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INTERVENTIONS:

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	Any at therapeutic dosing [ibuprofen, naproxen, tolmentin, indomethacin, meloxicam, nabumetone, diclofenac, piroxicam, etodolac, celecoxib]
Non-biologic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)	Methotrexate, Calcineurin inhibitor
Biologic DMARDs	IL-1 inhibitors: Canakinumab, Anakinra, Rilonacept IL-6 inhibitors: Tocilizumab, Sarilumab IL-18 inhibitors: Tadekenig alpha JAK inhibitors: Tofacitinib, Baracitinib Interferon gamma inhibitors: Emapalumab B cell inhibitors: Rituximab Costimulator blockers: Abatacept

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Glucocorticoids	Oral Intravenous
Medications <i>not</i> addressed	Sarilumab, TNF inhibitors
Non-medical interventions	Physical Therapy (PT) Occupational Therapy (OT) Dietary changes Herbal supplements

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OUTCOMES:

Critical outcomes

- Achievement of inactive disease
- Avoiding emergence of MAS
- Resolution of subclinical MAS
- Prevention of re-emergence/progression to overt MAS
- Resolution of overt MAS
- Mortality
- ICU admission
- Hospital admission
- Prediction of persistent systemic disease activity at 6 months

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- 351 - Response to treatment/inactive disease
- 352 - Sustained response to medication (no development of tolerance/antibodies)
- 353 - Growth
- 354 - Ability to taper/discontinue steroids
- 355 - Prevention of exacerbation
- 356 - Minimizing side effects/medication toxicity (steroids)
- 357 - Predict ability to wean treatment without disease flare
- 358 - Proportion of durable inactive disease off therapy

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360 *Important outcomes*

- 361 - Minimizing side effects/medication toxicity (other)
- 362 - Duration of hospitalization
- 363 - Non-response to NSAIDs
- 364 - Non-response to treatment
- 365 - Partial response to treatment
- 366 - Patient preference / quality of life
- 367 - Adherence

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369 *Initial and subsequent therapy for sJIA and no MAS:*

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371 *Treatment naïve, newly diagnosed sJIA patients with no MAS:*

- 372 20. In patients with treatment naïve, newly diagnosed sJIA without MAS, should non-DMARD treatment (NSAIDs, glucocorticoids) be used as
- 373 initial therapy?
- 374 21. In patients with treatment naïve, newly diagnosed sJIA without MAS, should DMARD treatment (methotrexate, calcineurin inhibitor) be
- 375 used as initial therapy and is there a preferred order?

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376 22. In patients with treatment naïve, newly diagnosed sJIA without MAS, should biologic treatment (anakinra, canakinumab, tocilizumab or
377 others) be used as initial therapy and is there a preferred order?
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379 sJIA patients with no MAS who do not respond to initial therapy:

380 23. In patients with sJIA without MAS who do not respond to initial therapy with non-biologic treatments (NSAIDs, glucocorticoids,
381 DMARDs), should non-biologic treatments be combined or biologic treatment started?
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383 Initial and subsequent therapy for SJIA and subclinical MAS:

384 24. In patients with SJIA, does the presence of subclinical MAS alter the treatment paradigm?
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386 Initial and subsequent therapy for SJIA and overt MAS:

387 25. In patients with sJIA and overt MAS, Is biologic therapy superior to calcineurin inhibitors in achievement of inactive disease and
388 resolution of MAS?

389 26. For non-response or partial response to biologic therapy, is addition of calcineurin inhibitor superior to etoposide or IVIG or
390 plasmapheresis at achievement of inactive disease, resolution of MAS?

391 Other

392 27. In sJIA patients who cannot achieve inactive disease despite treatment with both IL-1 and IL-6 agents and/or are chronically steroid
393 dependent, is chronic stable steroid treatment superior to non-steroid treatments (cytoxan or abatacept or rituximab or IVIG or
394 mesenchymal stem cell transplant or bone marrow transplant) at achievement of inactive disease, achievement of partial response,
395 growth, ability to taper/discontinue steroids, and minimize side effects/medication toxicity?

396 28. In sJIA patients with inactive disease treated with oral steroids, is taper to discontinuation of steroids superior to continuing long-term
397 stable dose steroids for preventing disease flare and minimizing side effects/medication toxicity?

398 29. In sJIA patients in clinical remission of biologic monotherapy, is tapering by decreasing dose superior to tapering dosing interval at
399 preventing disease exacerbation, preventing development of anti-drug antibodies and minimizing medication toxicity?
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401 Specific medication screening irrespective of disease subtype

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403 NSAID monitoring

404 30. Is there a recommended laboratory screening schedule (complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel and urinalysis) for
405 patients receiving chronic daily NSAIDs?

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407 Methotrexate monitoring

408 31. Is there a recommended laboratory screening schedule (complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel) for patients being
409 treated with methotrexate (po or sq)?

410 32. After methotrexate (po or sq) is initiated, is there a recommended medication change secondary to elevated liver function tests and
411 decreased neutrophil or platelet count?

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413 Sulfasalazine monitoring

414 33. Is there a recommended laboratory screening schedule (complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel) for patients being
415 treated with sulfasalazine?

416 34. After sulfasalazine is initiated, is there a recommended medication change in response to elevated liver function tests and decreased
417 neutrophil or platelet count?

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419 Leflunomide monitoring

420 35. Should patients receiving leflunomide have serum creatinine, urinalysis, complete blood cell count, and liver enzymes before and during
421 treatment, per manufacturer's recommendations?

422 36. After leflunomide is initiated, should medication dosage be altered according to the package insert secondary to elevated liver function
423 tests?

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426 Hydroxychloroquine monitoring

- 427 37. Should patients receiving treatment with hydroxychloroquine have annual screening tests with automated visual fields, if age
428 appropriate, plus spectral-domain optical coherence tomography (SD OCT) versus starting annual screening 5 years after treatment
429 onset?
430 38. Is there a recommended laboratory screening schedule (complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel) for patients being
431 treated with hydroxychloroquine?

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433 TNF inhibitor monitoring

- 434 39. Is there a recommended laboratory screening schedule (complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel and urinalysis) for
435 patients receiving TNF inhibitor treatment?

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437 Abatacept monitoring

- 438 40. Is there a recommended laboratory screening schedule (complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel and urinalysis) for
439 patients receiving abatacept treatment?

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441 Tocilizumab monitoring

- 442 41. Should patients receiving tocilizumab have serum creatinine, urinalysis, complete blood cell count, and liver enzymes before and during
443 treatment, per manufacturer's recommendations?
444 42. After tocilizumab is initiated, should medication dosage be altered according to the package insert secondary to elevated liver function
445 tests, neutropenia and/or thrombocytopenia?

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447 Anakinra monitoring

- 448 43. Is there a recommended laboratory screening schedule (complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel and urinalysis) for
449 patients receiving anakinra treatment?

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451 Canakinumab monitoring

452 44. Is there a recommended laboratory screening schedule (complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel and urinalysis) for
453 patients receiving canakinumab treatment?
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455 Infection screening

456 45. Should all children have infection titers (measles, varicella, hepatitis B, hepatitis C) checked prior to starting immunosuppressive
457 medication?

458 46. Should children with no evidence of immunity to important infections have a booster immunization prior to starting immunosuppressive
459 medication?
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461 TB Surveillance

462 47. Should screening for TB be done prior to starting biologic DMARD therapy and then annually in children?

463 48. In children receiving biologic DMARD therapy, is there a preferred method of TB screening?
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465 Vaccination

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467 Definitions:

468 • Immunosuppression is defined by use of DMARDs, biologics, and/or corticosteroids.

469 • Inactivated vaccines include tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap), pneumococcal vaccines (conjugate PCV-13 or polysaccharide
470 PPV-23), meningococcal vaccines (MenACWY or MenB), human papillomavirus (HPV), and inactivated influenza vaccine.

471 • Live attenuated vaccines include the varicella vaccine, MMR vaccine, live attenuated influenza vaccine, and rotavirus vaccine.
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473 49. In JIA patients *not on immunosuppression*, do inactivated or live attenuated vaccines result in flare of disease?

474 50. In JIA patients *not on immunosuppression*, are patients able to develop protective antibodies against infections targeted by the vaccine?

475 51. In JIA patients *on immunosuppression*, do inactivated vaccines result in flare of disease?

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476 52. In JIA patients *on immunosuppression*, are patients able to develop protective antibodies against infections targeted by the vaccine?

477 53. In JIA patients *on immunosuppression*, can treatment with live attenuated vaccines be given safely (initial dose, booster dose)?

478 54. Can live attenuated vaccines be used safely in the households of children with JIA *on immunosuppression*?

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480 Imaging modalities

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482 Inflammation and damage detection

483 55. In children with Juvenile Idiopathic arthritis, is any specific imaging technique recommended to best detect inflammation and damage,
484 make a diagnosis, predict structural damage, flare or treatment response?

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486 Imaging and intraarticular injections

487 56. In children with Juvenile Idiopathic arthritis who require intraarticular corticosteroid injections, should injections be done with imaging
488 guidance?

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APPENDIX B – Participant Disclosures

In order for the College to most effectively further its mission and to otherwise maintain its excellent reputation and with the public, it is important that confidence in the College's integrity be maintained. The cornerstone of the ACR's Disclosure Policy is disclosure of actual and potential conflicts so that they can be evaluated by the College in order to avoid undue influence of potential conflicts. The purpose of the ACR's Disclosure Policy is identification of relationships which may pose actual or potential conflicts. These actual or potential conflicts can then be evaluated by the College so that adjustments can be made that will avoid any undue influence. This policy is based on the principle that, in many cases, full disclosure of the actual or potentially conflicting relationship will of itself suffice to protect the integrity of the College and its interests.

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