

Rheumatologic diseases for neurologists



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Systemic Rheumatic Disease

Arthritis

- Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
- Seronegative spondyloarthropathy
 - Ankylosing spondylitis, Reactive arthritis, Psoriatic arthritis
- Adult onset Still's disease, Polymyalgia Rheumatica, Sarcoidosis

Connective tissue diseases

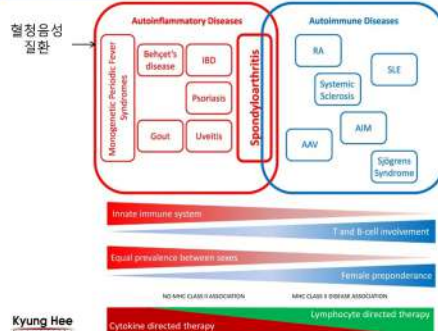
- Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- Scleroderma (SSc)
- Polymyositis/Dermatomyositis (PM/DM)
- Sjögren's syndrome (SS)
- Mixed connective tissue disease (MCTD)

Vasculitis

- Behcet's disease, Takayasu's arteritis
- ANCA associated vasculitis (AAV)
 - Wegener's granulomatosis (GPA)
 - Churg-Strauss disease (EGPA)
 - Microscopic polyangiitis (MPA)

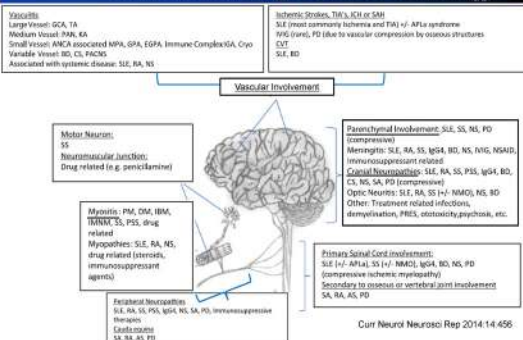
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Autoimmune vs. Autoinflammatory Diseases



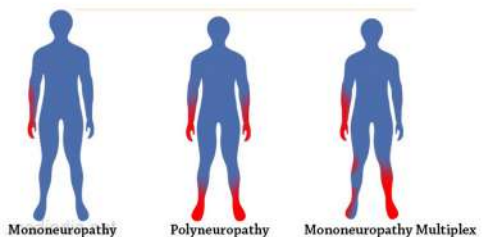
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Nervous System Involvement in Rheumatologic Diseases



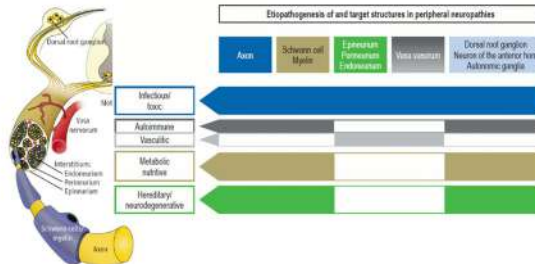
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Type of Peripheral Neuropathies



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Etiopathogenesis and Target Structures in Peripheral Neuropathies



Case 1.

- 76세, 남자
- 2달 전부터 발열, 양 발목 부종으로 신장내과 방문, 단백뇨 및 혈뇨 소견을 보여 검사 위해 입원, ESR상승 및 발목관절 부종으로 의뢰됨

- 병력청취와 신체검사
 - 당뇨병 병력 (-)
 - 양 손발 저림 (+) - stocking & glove pattern
 - 피부발진 (-), 구강궤양 (-)
 - 양 발목 관절에 압통 및 부종
- 검사 소견
 - ESR 110mm/hr, CRP 4.43mg/dL
 - RF (-), anti-CCP (-)
 - ANA 양성 (speckled, 1:40)
 - P-ANCA 4+

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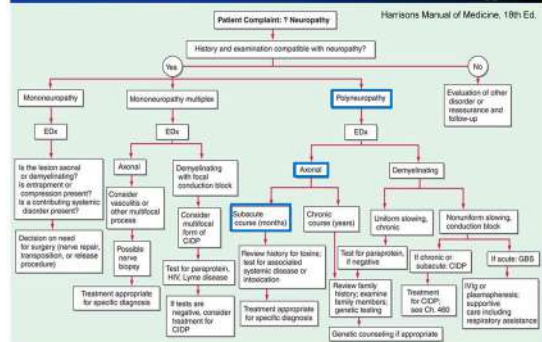
Case 1. Work up result

- Inflammatory arthritis, maxillary sinusitis
- 24 시간 단백뇨: 1330 mg/day, 현미경적 혈뇨 (신조직 검사: 양측 신장이 cystic 하여 시행 못 함)
- NCS : sensorimotor polyneuropathy (axonal)
→ Sural nerve biopsy : leukocytoclastic vasculitis
- 검사 소견:
 - MPO-ANCA (+) 5.2, PR3-ANCA (-) 3.8
- HRCT: early stage of ILD, both lower lobes

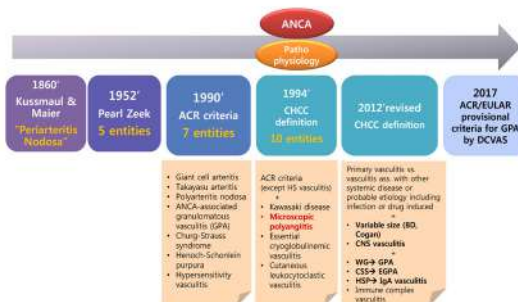
→ Microscopic polyangiitis (MPA)

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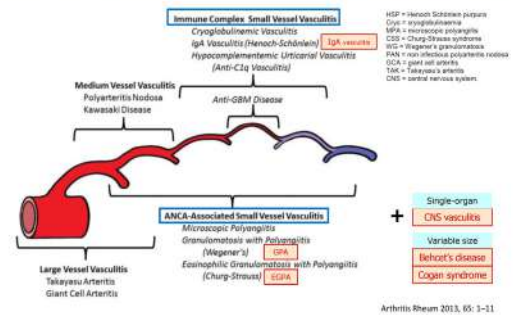
Approach of Peripheral Neuropathies



History and Evolution of Vasculitis Classification Systems



2012 Revised International-CHCC Nomenclature of Vasculitis



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Large vessel vasculitis (LVV) Takayasu arteritis (TAK) Giant cell arteritis (GCA)	Variable vessel vasculitis (VVV) Behçet's disease (BD) Churg's syndrome (CS)
Medium vessel vasculitis (MVV) Polyarteritis nodosa (PAN) Kawasaki disease (KD)	Single-organ vasculitis (SOV) Cutaneous leukocytoclastic angitis Cutaneous arteritis Primary central nervous system vasculitis Isolated aortitis Others
Small vessel vasculitis (SVV) Antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody (ANCA)-associated vasculitis (AAV) Microscopic polyangiitis (MPA) Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener's) (GPA) Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss) (EGPA)	Vasculitis associated with systemic disease Lupus vasculitis Rheumatoid vasculitis Sarcoid vasculitis Others
Immune complex SVV Anti-glomerular basement membrane (anti-GBM) disease Cryoglobulinemic vasculitis (CV) IgA vasculitis (Henoch-Schönlein) (IgAV) Hypocomplementemic urticarial vasculitis (HUV) (anti-C1q vasculitis)	Vasculitis associated with probable etiology Hepatitis C virus-associated cryoglobulinemic vasculitis Hepatitis B virus-associated vasculitis Syphilis-associated aortitis Drug-associated immune complex vasculitis Drug-associated ANCA-associated vasculitis Cancer-associated vasculitis Others

✓ 28 participants from 12 countries

✓ nephrology, otolaryngology, pathology, pulmonology, rheumatology, pediatrics

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ANCA (Antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody)

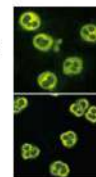
• **Definition:** Ab directed against certain proteins in the cytoplasmic granules of neutrophils and monocytes

c-ANCA

- major target antigen : **Proteinase-3**, a 28-kDa neutral serine proteinase
- positive in **more than 90% of patients with typical active GPA**

p-ANCA

- major target : **myeloperoxidase**
- other targets : elastase, cathepsin G, lactoferrin, lysozyme...
- Only MPO-ANCA is associated with vasculitis (MPA, CSS)
- positive in patients with MPA : 70-80% ; CSS : 30-40%
- Other ANCA
: in IBD, certain drugs, endocarditis, bacterial infections in patients with cystic fibrosis



Two major diagnostic pitfalls:

- Cocaine/levamisole induced pathology, Bacterial endocarditis

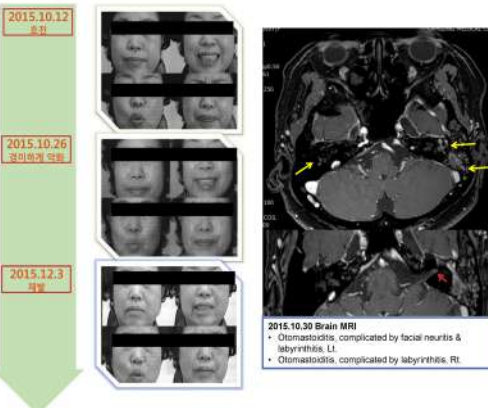
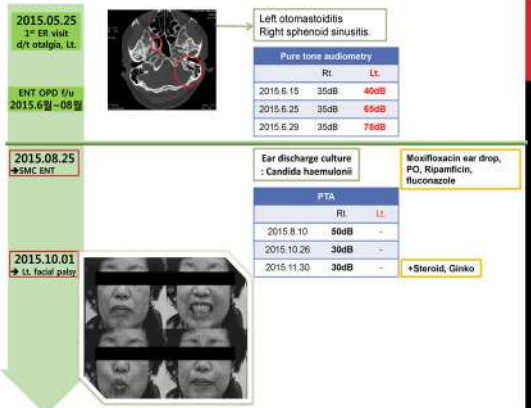
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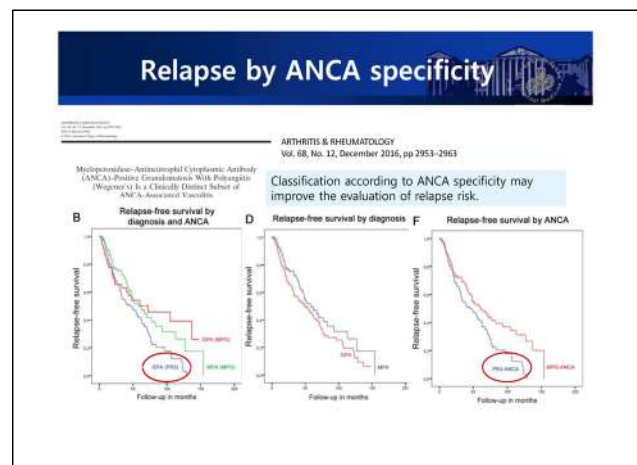
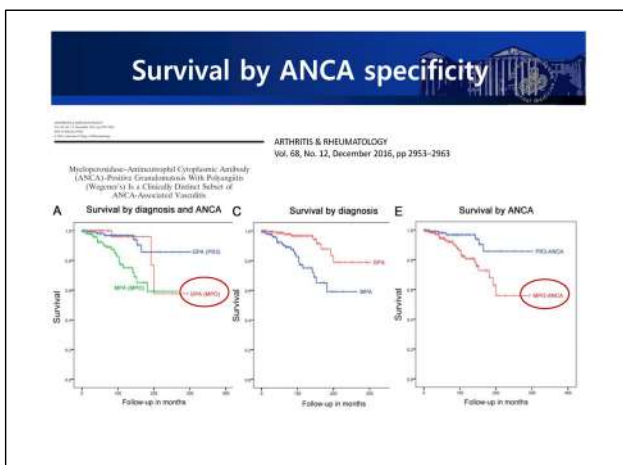
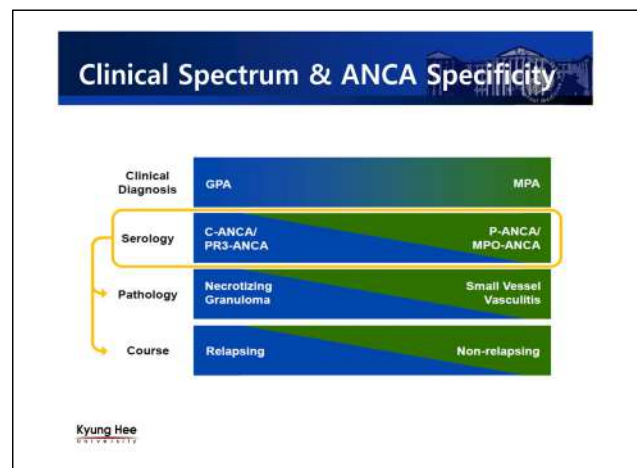
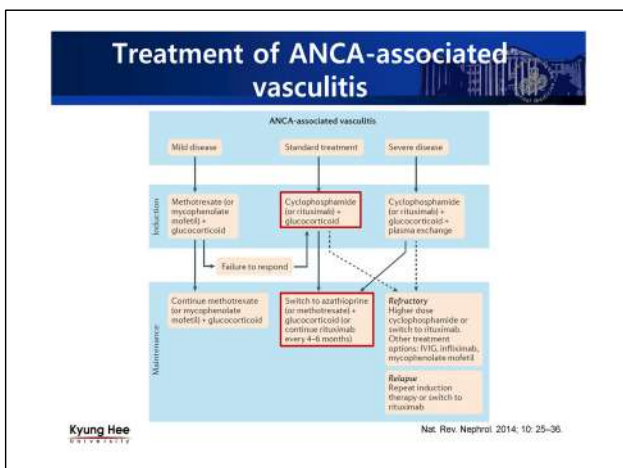
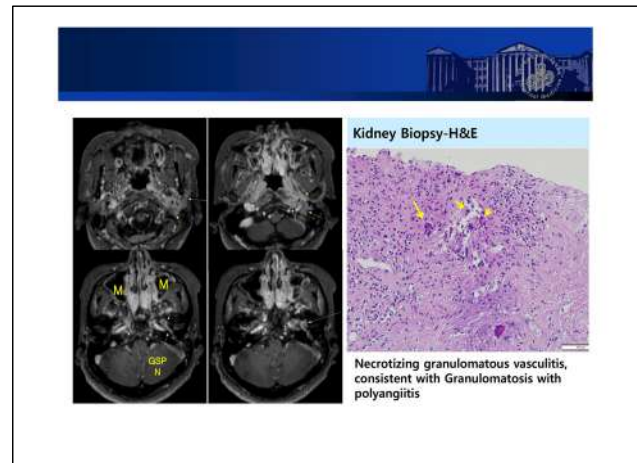
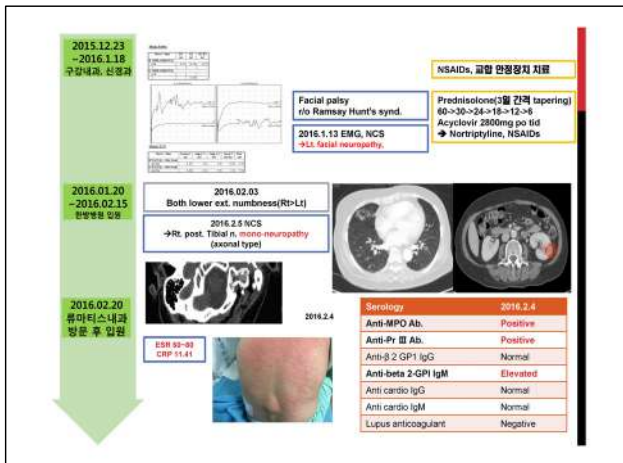
Comparison of clinical manifestations of AAV

	GPA	MPA	EGPA
ANCA-positive (%)	90	90	50
Typical ANCA result	C-ANCA/PR3-ANCA	P-ANCA/MPO-ANCA	P-ANCA/MPO-ANCA
Granuloma	Present	Absent	Present with abundant eosinophils
Upper respiratory tract	90% Nasal septal perforation Saddle-nose deformity Subglottic stenosis	Usually absent or mild	Nasal polyps Allergic rhinitis Sinusitis
Lung	85-90% Nodules, infiltrates or cavity lesion	Alveolar hemorrhage (10-20%)	Asthma Migratory infiltrates Alveolar hemorrhage
Kidney	40-80% NCGN, occasional glomerular features	80% NCGN	25-58% NCGN
Peripheral neuropathy	20%	58%	66-78%
Distinguishing feature	Destructive upper airway disease		Asthma, allergy, Eosinophilia

Case 2.

- 60세, 여자
- 주소: 양측 중이염, 반복적 안면마비
- 병력:
 - 2015년 4월 both ear discharge, tinnitus 로 이비인후과 진료, 호전되지 않아
 - 타병원 이비인후과 진료 중 좌측 안면마비 발생
 - 스테로이드 복용 후 호전되었다가 2015.12 재발, 한방 의원 중에 양하지 저림, 염증수치 상승으로 의뢰됨.





Differences between PR3-ANCA vasculitis and MPO-ANCA vasculitis

Feature	PR3-ANCA vasculitis	MPO-ANCA vasculitis
Epidemiology ^{481,482,483}	• Frequent in Northern European and American countries and Australia	• Frequent in Southern Europe and Asia
Usual age at diagnosis ⁴⁸³	• 45-55 years	• 50-65 years
Genetic associations ^{482,484}	• HLA-DP • SERPINA1 (encoding α_1 -antitrypsin) • PR3 (encoding PR3)	• HLA-DQ
Pathology ⁴⁸⁵⁻⁴⁸⁸	• Granuloma and vasculitis	• Vasculitis and fibrosis
Organ involvement ^{483,487}	• Frequent upper airway involvement and lung nodules • High number of organs involved	• Frequent renal involvement and pulmonary fibrosis
Prognosis ^{487,488,489-492,493-498}	• Increased risk of relapse	• Increased rate of initial treatment failure • Increased long-term risk of end-stage renal disease ^{489,490}
Response to therapy ^{472,493}	• Rituximab superior to cyclophosphamide for remission induction • PR3-ANCA titre might guide therapy after rituximab	• Similar response to rituximab and cyclophosphamide

ANCA, Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody; PR3, leukocyte proteinase 3; MPO, myeloperoxidase.

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ANCA test는 언제 하나?

Clinical suspicion이 가장 중요!

→ Unexplained multi-systemic disease시 의심될 때 시행

- Pulmonary: hemorrhage, interstitial infiltrate
- GN을 시사하는 U/A 소견: esp. microscopic hematuria
- Chronic inflammatory sinusitis
- Unexplained ischemic events
- Palpable purpura
- Peripheral neuropathy : ex) mononeuritis multiplex



Confirm diagnosis

- Necessary of Histologic verification of vasculitis

Case 3.

- 66세, 여자
- 주소 : 오른손 엄지, 검지 및 진행성 양 발 저림 및 감각저하
- 내원 1년 전 부터 오른손 엄지와 검지, 이후 양 엄지 손가락의 tingling sense → 2달 전 CTS로 진단받고 수술 받은 이후에도 증상 지속 → 양 발 뒤꿈치에서 하지 전체로 감각저하 진행 되어 2016. 04. 29 신경과 방문. NCS소견에서 mononeuritis multiplex로 진단받은 뒤 MethylPD pulse Tx (1g/day*5days, 2016.05.13-17) 후 ANA 양성 소견으로 류마티스내과로 의뢰됨

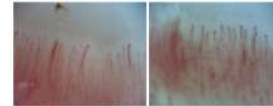
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병력청취와 진찰소견 :

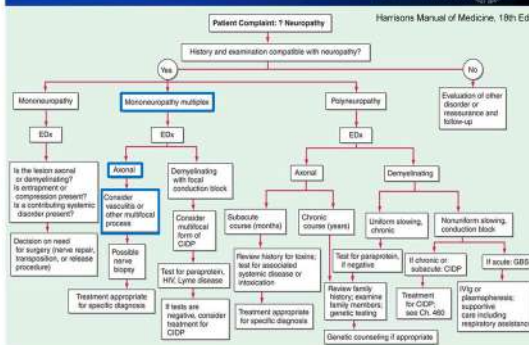
- 레이노 증상 (+): 1년 전부터, Dry mouth (+), 구강궤양(-)
- both ankle swelling Hx (+), 광과민성 (+), 발진 (-)

검사실 소견:

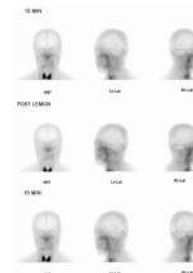
- ESR 46 mm/hr, RF (+)-high titer, ANA 양성 (1:160)
- anti-Ro/La (+/+), aCL IgM (+), C4 감소
- 손톱모세혈관 검사:



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Salivary scan, Schirmer test & Salivary gland Bx



Salivary scan
: both parotid & submandibular gl. 섭취 보이지 않음

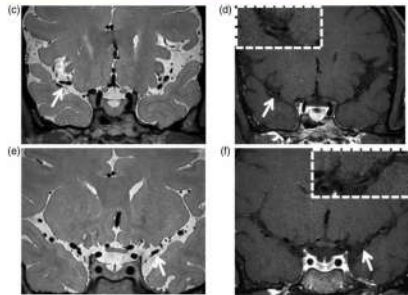
Schirmer test (+/-) <5mm/5min

- Schirmer <5 mm/5min at least one eye - 1점
- Unstimulated whole saliva flow ≤ 0.1 /min - 1점
- Salivary gland Bx: focus score ≥ 1 - 3점
- Anti-Ro positive - 3점

→ Total score $8 \geq 4$

→ Primary Sjogren Syndrome

Case 5.



Magnetic resonance vessel wall imaging of brain shows insignificant enhancement of MCA

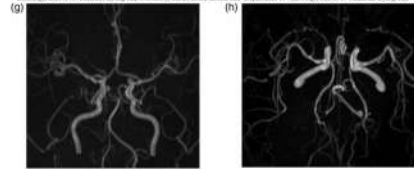
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Case 5.

CASE REPORT

A systemic lupus erythematosus patient with thunderclap headache:
reversible cerebral vasoconstriction syndrome

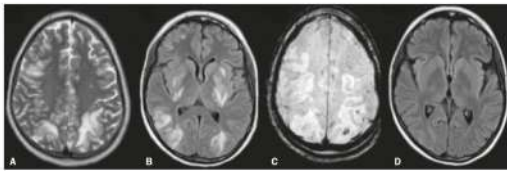
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resolution of the previous multifocal stenosis with reversibility

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SLE with Reversible Posterior Encephalopathy



A, B: Axial T2-weighted and FLAIR images, respectively, showing bilateral cortical-subcortical areas of hyperintense signals in the occipital, parietal, and frontal lobes, with a slight expansile effect, including the basal ganglia. C: Susceptibility-weighted imaging sequence identifying a subcortical focus with a hypointense signal in the left parietal lobe (petechial hemorrhage). D: Follow-up image obtained after the acute stage, showing reduction of the previously demonstrated lesions.

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2019 EULAR/ACR for SLE Classification Criteria

- Entry criterion : positive ANA at $\geq 1:80$ on Hep-2 cell or an equivalent positive test (ever)
- Additive criteria were chosen from 7 clinical and 3 immunologic categories
- Weight based scoring rules: weighted from 2 to 10
- Patients with ≥ 10 points are classified as having SLE

Clinical domains	Points	Immunologic domains	Points
Constitutional domains	2	Antiphospholipid antibody domains	2
Fever	2	Anticardiolipin (IgG) ≥ 40 units or lupus anticoagulant	2
Cutaneous domains	2	Complement proteins domains	3
Non-scarring alopecia	2	Low C3 and low C4	3
Oral ulcers	2	Low C3 and low C4	3
Subacute cutaneous or discoid lupus	4	Highly specific antinuclear domains	4
Acute inflammation	6	Anti-dsDNA antibody	4
Arthritis domains	6	Anti-Sm antibody	6
Synovitis or tenderness in at least 2 joints	6		
Neurologic domains	2		
Seizure	2		
Psychosis	5		
Serologic domains	5		
Positive or non-specific effusion	5		
Acute pericarditis	5		
Immunologic domains	4		
Leukopenia	4		
Thrombocytopenia	4		
Autoimmune hemolytic	4		
Renal domains	4		
Proteinuria ≥ 5 g/24 hr	4		
Class II or V lupus nephritis	10		
Class III or IV lupus nephritis	10		

✓ Classification criteria are not diagnosis criteria
✓ All patients classified as having SLE must have ANA $\geq 1:80$ (entry criterion)
✓ Patients must have ≥ 10 points to be classified as SLE
✓ Items can only be counted for classification if there is no more likely cause
✓ Only the highest criterion in a given domain counts
✓ SLE classification requires points from at least one clinical domain

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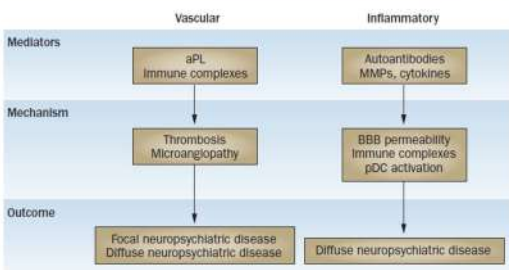
Neuropsychiatric Syndromes in SLE

- 12 Central nervous system
 - Aseptic meningitis
 - Cerebrovascular disease
 - Demyelinating syndrome
 - Headache
 - Movement disorder
 - Myelopathy
 - Seizure disorders
 - Acute confusional state
 - Anxiety disorder
 - Cognitive dysfunction
 - Mood disorder
 - Psychosis
- 7 Peripheral nervous system
 - Acute inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (Guillain-Barré syndrome)
 - Autonomic neuropathy
 - Mononeuropathy
 - Myasthenia gravis
 - Cranial neuropathy
 - Plexopathy
 - Polyneuropathy

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Autoimmune Pathogenesis of NPSLE



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Nat Rev Rheumatol. 2014;10:338-47

NPSLE

- Neuropsychiatric events are common in patients with SLE but only 1/3 are attributed directly to SLE.
- Pathogenetic mechanisms for NPSLE : autoimmune-mediated inflammatory injury and vascular injury
- Diagnosis of NPSLE : determined primarily by clinical assessment
- Investigations in support of the clinical diagnosis
 - measurement of autoAbs: antineuronal, antiribosomal P and aPL antibodies
 - analysis of CSF: to exclude infection, assess the BBB, and measure autoAb inflammatory mediators and degradation proteins
 - electrophysiological studies
 - neuropsychological assessment
 - neuroimaging (CT, MRI, MTI, DWI, DTI/ PET, SPECT, MRA, MRS, fMRI)
- Treatment options: symptomatic therapies, immunosuppression and anticoagulation

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Peripheral Neuropathies in SLE

-25-year study of 2,097 SLE patients in the Hopkins Lupus Cohort

- **Small-fiber neuropathies in SLE pts**
 - more frequent than ACR NPSLE case definitions (i.e., Guillain-Barre' syndrome, plexopathies) or mononeuritis multiplex
- **Most common peripheral neuropathy : axonal neuropathy (56.1%)**

Type of peripheral neuropathy	No. (%) of patients
Axonal neuropathies	46 (56.1)
Sensory axonal polyneuropathy	19 (23.2)
Sensorimotor axonal polyneuropathy	21 (25.6)
Mononeuritis multiplex	6 (7.3)
Small-fiber neuropathies	14 (17.1)
Non-length-dependent small-fiber neuropathy	9 (11.0)
Length-dependent small-fiber neuropathy	5 (6.1)
Demyelinating polyneuropathies	
Acute inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy	1 (1.2)
Sensory demyelinating polyneuropathy	1 (1.2)
Mixed axonal-demyelinating sensorimotor polyneuropathy	3 (3.6)
Plexopathy	1 (1.2)
Neuropathy characterized by clinical criteria	16 (19.5)

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Peripheral Neuropathies in SLE

-18-year study of 4,924 Chinese patients with SLE

Cases of SLE-PN*

Polyneuropathy, n (%)	47 (59.5%)
Mononeuropathy, n (%)	11 (13.9%),
Cranial neuropathy, n (%)	10 (12.7%)
Myasthenia gravis, n (%)	8 (10.1%)
Autonomic neuropathy, n (%)	2 (2.5%)
Acute inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy	1 (1.3%)
Plexopathy, n (%)	0

PN = peripheral neuropathy, SLE = systemic lupus erythematosus.
* 79 cases of PN occurred in 73 patients.

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Conclusion

- Neurological involvement in rheumatic disease is associated with high morbidity and in some cases can be life-threatening.
- Be a CTD detective... Screening for CTD in patients with neurological manifestations
 - may present in patients with preexisting rheumatologic diagnoses, occur concurrently with systemic signs and symptoms, or precede systemic manifestations by months to years.
- Immunosuppressive therapy warranted in vasculitic neuropathies
- Multidisciplinary approach is vital for early detection and better outcome

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