



# Rheumatologic Semeiotics 2.0

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Ultrasound (US) has demonstrated to play an important role in the diagnosis and follow up of patients with musculoskeletal diseases but its applications in the rheumatological field are rapidly expanding also beyond the strict use for the assessment of joint and periarticular disorders, moving to the assessment of extra-articular involvement (for example salivary gland damage) and vascular inflammation.

This imaging tool can be used directly by rheumatologists during patient evaluations, as a real-time “bedside” approach, thereby enhancing diagnostic accuracy and reducing the time between diagnosis and the initiation of appropriate treatment, that is crucial for most of the rheumatological diseases.

However, the implementation of US in daily clinical practice is still limited mainly due to the lack of trained personnel.

Moreover, due to physical and technical limitations US cannot provide adequate information on every clinical question. Integrated imaging (MRI, CT and conventional radiography) should be chosen in those cases in order to add to the clinical puzzle the missing pieces.

This course is designed to deliver a cutting-edge update on the applications of US and integrated imaging in Rheumatology, targeting both rheumatologists with ultrasound expertise and those without, providing pragmatic guidance on how to optimize the use of ultrasound and imaging for the clinical evaluation of rheumatologic patients. It encompasses a comprehensive examination of both inflammatory and non-inflammatory rheumatologic conditions and includes practical imaging sessions, that should increase confidence for the use of US (and integrated imaging) in daily clinical practice and for research purposes.

# FACULTY

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# DAY 1 22 February 2024

09.00 Welcome coffee and course presentation  
R. Crugnola G. Filippou, P. Sarzi Puttini

## OPENING LECTURE

09.20 How and why Imaging can change your (rheumatological) life: my experience with an evidence based approach  
X. Baraliakos

## MICROCRYSTALLINE ARTHRITIS AND OSTEOARTHRITIS

**Chairs:** F. Becce, G. Filippou

10.00 Gout and CPPD: classification criteria and criticisms - S. Sirotti

10.20 CPPD: challenges from diagnosis to follow up and added value of US - G. Filippou

10.40 Gout: challenges from diagnosis to follow up and added value of US - E. Filippucci

11.00 DISCUSSION

11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 Gout and CPPD: traditional imaging and advanced imaging - What's new - F. Becce

11.50 Diagnosis and treatment of Osteoarthritis: from guidelines to real life - F. Vreju

12.10 US guided procedures for the treatment of axial pain in OA. Techniques and medications - F. Porta

12.30 DISCUSSION

12.40 **TRAINING SESSION US (HANDS-ON)**  
Diagnosis and monitoring of patients with microcrystalline arthritis - Faculty

13.40 LUNCH

## EXTRA-ARTICULAR INVOLVEMENT IN RHEUMATIC DISEASES AND IMAGING

**Chairs:** L. Terslev, L.M. Sconfienza

14.40 Sjogren's syndrome - L. Terslev

15.00 Large Vessel Vasculitis - W. Schmidt

15.20 Polymyalgia Rheumatica - C. Dejaco

15.40 Pain in Rheumatic diseases: where imaging fails - P. Sarzi Puttini

16.00 DISCUSSION

16.15 **TRAINING SESSION (PLENARY)**  
challenging cases of LVV and optimising imaging for diagnosis and follow up - W. Schmidt

16.45 COFFEE BREAK

## ROUND TABLE AND HAPPY HOUR

**Chairs:** F. Vreju, E. Naredo

17.00 Implementation of US for diagnosis in daily clinical practice. The RADIAL study - A. Adinolfi

17.20 Patients perception of the utility of US in Rheumatology - E. Naredo

17.40 Organisation models for the implementation of US in outpatients and inpatients clinics - G. Radunovic

18.00 PLENARY DISCUSSION

18.15 Conclusions Day 1



## CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS

**Chairs:** R. Caporali, P. Sarzi Puttini

- 09.00 Diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis: guidelines update - R. Caporali
- 09.20 Rheumatoid Arthritis: Added value of US in diagnosis and monitoring - E. Naredo
- 09.40 Psoriatic Arthritis: Added value of US in diagnosis and monitoring - M.A. D'Agostino
- 10.00 Monitoring of structural damage with imaging in RA and PsA - P. Mandl
- 10.20 **DISCUSSION**
- 10.35 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10.55 Spondyloarthritis: understanding enthesitis and dactylitis - I. Møller
- 11.15 **DISCUSSION**
- 11.20 **TRAINING SESSION US (HANDS-ON)**  
US for diagnosis and monitoring of RA and PsA - Faculty
- 13.00 **LUNCH**

**Chairs:** G. Filippou, F. Porta

- 14.00 Difficult to treat RA: PROs, clinimetrics and imaging - C. Scirè
- 14.20 Early Spondyloarthritis and very Early PsA: implications in clinical practice - A. Zabotti
- 14.40 Imaging in the diagnosis and follow up of axial involvement - L.M. Sconfienza
- 15.00 **DISCUSSION**
- 15.15 **TRAINING SESSION (PLENARY)**  
Axial imaging in SpA (including differential diagnosis and monitoring) - Faculty
- 16.30 Conclusions and closing remarks
- 17.00 **GOODBYE COFFEE BREAK**

## VENUE

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