

**Referral to the Early Inflammatory Arthritis clinic (EIA)**

**Department of Rheumatology**

**Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust**

Please note the diagnosis of Early Inflammatory Arthritis is **not excluded** by normal inflammatory markers and / or a negative rheumatoid factor/anti-CCP and/or normal Xrays.

**All referrals should be made as an Urgent and sent on ERS**

**Please answer each statement below with an X in either Yes or No**

		Yes	No
1	Patient has suspected joint inflammation for 3-4 weeks or more		
2	Patient has swelling (Synovitis) , not bony swelling in 2 or more joints?		
3	Patient has swelling in the small joints of the hands or feet?		

**Investigations to be requested by GP prior to/at time of referral :**

FBC, U&E, LFTS

CRP

Rheumatoid factor (RF) and CCP antibodies

ANA

**Please include PMH and current medications on referral letter**

*Please note we do have dedicated urgent slots which do not appear on choose and book which we triage into.*