

1987 RA Classification Tree

THE 1987 CLASSIFICATION TREE CRITERIA FOR RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

RA Subsets

1. Arthritis of 3 or more joint areas and positive findings on hand radiographs
2. Arthritis of 3 or more joints and serum rheumatoid factor-positive; negative findings on hand radiographs
4. Arthritis of 3 or more joint areas including MCP and wrist joints; serum rheumatoid factor-negative and negative findings on hand radiographs
5. Arthritis involving a single joint area symmetrically and serum rheumatoid factor-positive
6. Oligoarthritis of MCP or wrist joints and serum rheumatoid factor-positive

Non RA Subsets

3. Arthritis of 3 or more joint areas, specifically not involving MCP *and* wrist joint areas; serum rheumatoid factor-negative and negative findings on hand radiographs
7. Seropositive, but asymmetric oligoarthritis not involving wrist *or* MCP joint areas
8. Seronegative oligoarthritis

* See Table 3 for definitions of abbreviations. Missing data rules: If radiographs are not available, substitute MCP swelling; if results of tests for rheumatoid factor are not available, substitute wrist swelling; if the clinical data from routine tests are not available, the patient's disease cannot be classified.

+ These subset numbers also appear under the subset boxes in Figure 1.