

**GP Curriculum statements – 15.9 Rheumatology & Conditions of the Musculoskeletal system (including trauma)  
Learning Outcomes that could be delivered in Secondary care (Linked to Competency areas in the Curriculum)**

Learning Outcome	Competency Area
1. Manage common and important Musculoskeletal conditions in adults and children including emergency care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge base</li> </ul>
2. Define the mechanism of injury when considering diagnosis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem solving skills</li> </ul>
3. Demonstrate the complete examination of the neck, back, shoulder, elbow wrist, hand, hip, knee & ankle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge base</li> <li>• Psychomotor skills</li> </ul>
4. Define the indications for plain radiography, ultrasound, CT & MRI scans including the use of tools such as the 'Ottawa Rules'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge base</li> <li>• Scientific Aspects</li> </ul>
5. Describe the indications for, and demonstrate the skills for joint injections and aspirations appropriate for general practice e.g. shoulder & knee joints & injections for tennis & golfer's elbow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge base</li> <li>• Psychomotor skills</li> </ul>
6. Describe the principals of treatment for common musculoskeletal conditions including the use & monitoring of NSAIDs & disease-modifying drugs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge base</li> </ul>
7. Describe the systems of care for rheumatological conditions including the roles of primary & secondary care, shared care arrangements, multidisciplinary teams & patient involvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contextual aspects</li> <li>• Person Centred care</li> </ul>

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8. Describe the roles of allied health care practitioners in the care of patients with musculoskeletal problems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Knowledge base</li><li>• Psychomotor skills</li></ul>
9. Make timely referrals to the most appropriate healthcare practitioner e.g. GPwSI, physiotherapist, podiatrist, orthopaedic surgeon and rheumatologist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary care management</li></ul>