

# Clinical practice guidelines on rare diseases

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### Clinical practice guidelines:

- Reduce inappropriate care
- Minimize geographic variations in practice patterns
- Enable effective use of health care resources



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 The development of guidelines for RD presents many challenges compared to more common diseases.

• This is related to *limited data availability* as well as *health* professional knowledge and experience due to low disease prevalence.



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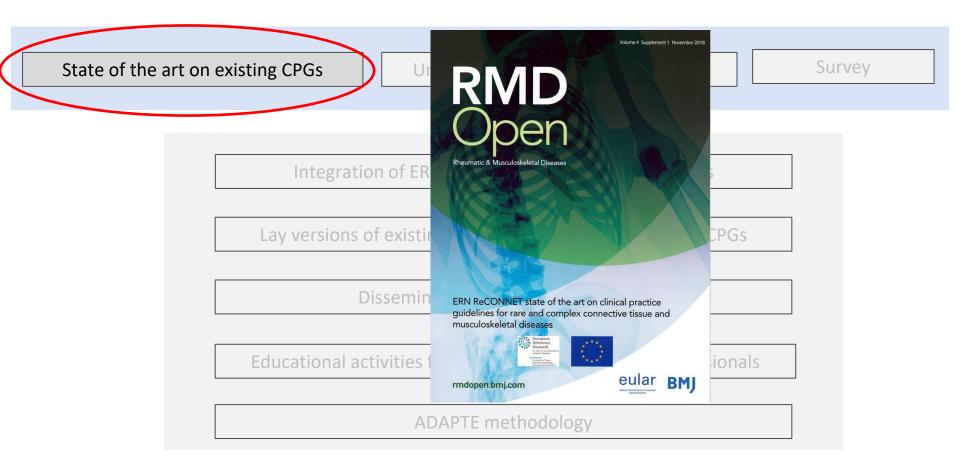
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## ERN ReCONNET state of the art on Clinical Practice Guidelines for rare and complex connective tissue and musculoskeletal diseases







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### Unmet needs on CPGs and on rCTDs

- Clinicians unmet needs: develop guidelines for the treatment for rare disease related manifestations, improvement of adherence to treatment, role of patients, impact of ethnicity
- Patients' unmet needs
  - delay and uncertainty in diagnosis until confirmation by a specialist
  - need for new treatment options, less reliant on steroids and associated with fewer side effects
  - more holistic disease management
  - scientifically validated patient focused guidelines on lifestyle issues



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#### Unmet needs

Clinicians' perspectives

Holistic approach Lack of guidelines Need to have defined pathways Heterogeneity of access care

Patients' perspectives

Patients as authors of the publication Best practice in Eurordis ePAGs



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#### ABSTRACT

Introduction The European Reference Network (ERN) ReCONNET is the ERN aimed at improving the management of rare and complex connective tissue and musculoskeletal diseases (rCTOs) across the European Union (EU), in the mission of ERN ReCONNET, clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) play a crucial role, representing a valid tool towards the

#### Key messages

#### What is already known about this subject?

 Clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) have an important role in guiding and supporting the decision-making processes. CPGs cover at present only some rare and complex connective tissue diseases and may effecte.

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### Feedback from HCPs

- Difficulties and barriers still exist for the use of CPGs in clinical practive
- Mainly represented by local legislative restrictions and time limitation during the assessment of patients.
- Proposals: development of easier and more practical version of CPGs.



## Feedback from patients

- CPGs should be more widely *disseminated* and *adapted* to the different health systems in Europe in order to improve the level of care provided to patients.
- Patient-friendly versions of CPGs and patients' lifestyle guidelines could play a great role in the process of empowering patients in the management of their disease and to support shared decision with healthcare professionals.



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#### Recommendation

# EULAR recommendations for the management of Sjögren's syndrome with topical and systemic therapies

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#### Recommendations

## ERN ReCONNET points to consider for treating patients living with autoimmune rheumatic diseases with antiviral therapies and anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody products

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Development of red flags for the diagnosis of IgG4 related disease





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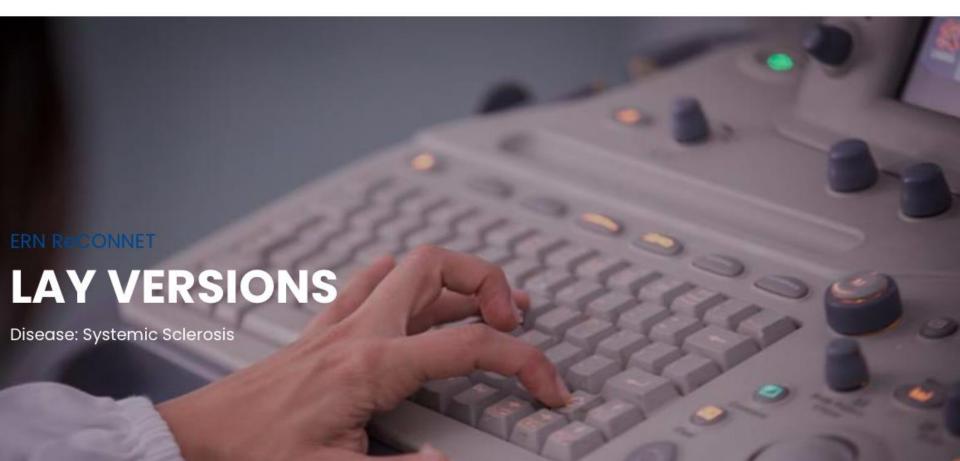






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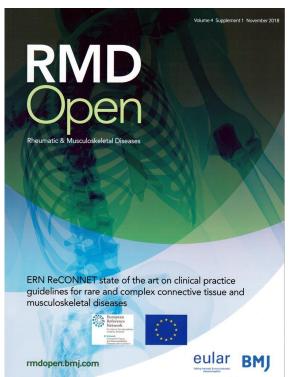
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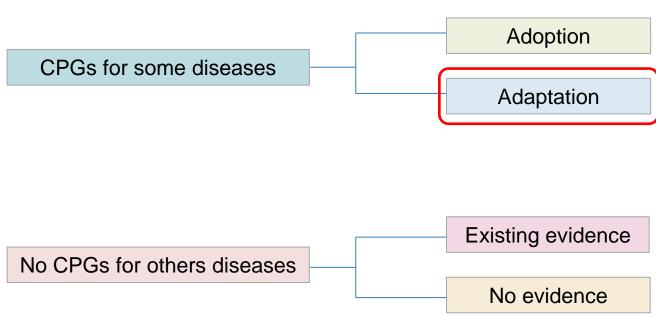
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- Development of CPGs: evidence AND experts AND patients
- Points to consider
- Implementation of existing Recommendations
- Lay versions: patients
- Adaptation: integration with existing health care systems
- Development of evidence: observational studies, clinical trials, real world evidence, knowledge generation, registries...



## Thank you

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