

Arthritis & Rheumatism

An Official Journal of the American College of Rheumatology
www.arthritisrheum.org and wileyonlinelibrary.com

2012 Provisional Classification Criteria for Polymyalgia Rheumatica

A European League Against Rheumatism/American College of Rheumatology
Collaborative Initiative

Bhaskar Dasgupta,¹ Marco A. Cimmino,² Hilal Maradit Kremers,³ Wolfgang A. Schmidt,⁴
Michael Schirmer,⁵ Carlo Salvarani,⁶ Artur Bachtá,⁷ Christian Dejaco,⁸ Christina Duftner,⁹
Hanne Slott Jensen,¹⁰ Pierre Duhaut,¹¹ Gyula Poór,¹² Novák Pál Kaposi,¹² Peter Mandl,¹²
Peter V. Balint,¹² Zsuzsa Schmidt,¹² Annamaria Iagnocco,¹³ Carlotta Nannini,¹⁴
Fabrizio Cantini,¹⁴ Pierluigi Macchioni,⁶ Nicolò Pipitone,⁶ Montserrat Del Amo,¹⁵
Georgina Espígol-Frigolé,¹⁵ Maria C. Cid,¹⁵ Víctor M. Martínez-Taboada,¹⁶
Elisabeth Nordborg,¹⁷ Haner Direskeneli,¹⁸ Sibel Zehra Aydin,¹⁸ Khalid Ahmed,¹⁹
Brian Hazleman,²⁰ Barbara Silverman,²⁰ Colin Pease,²¹ Richard J. Wakefield,²¹
Raashid Luqmani,²² Andy Abril,²³ Clement J. Michet,³ Ralph Marcus,²⁴ Neil J. Gontler,²⁴
Mehrdad Maz,²⁵ Rickey E. Carter,³ Cynthia S. Crowson,³ and Eric L. Matteson³

This criteria set has been approved by the European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) Executive Committee and the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Board of Directors as Provisional. This signifies that the criteria set has been quantitatively validated using patient data, but it has not undergone validation based on an external data set. All EULAR/ACR-approved criteria sets are expected to undergo intermittent updates.

The American College of Rheumatology is an independent, professional, medical and scientific society which does not guarantee, warrant, or endorse any commercial product or service.

The objective of this study was to develop European League Against Rheumatism/American College of Rheumatology classification criteria for polymyalgia

rheumatica (PMR). Candidate criteria were evaluated in a 6-month prospective cohort study of 125 patients with new-onset PMR and 169 non-PMR comparison

This article is published simultaneously in the April 2012 issue of *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*.

Supported by the American College of Rheumatology, the European League Against Rheumatism, and the Mayo Foundation. Additional support was provided by the Biobanque de Picardie, Amiens, France. Drs. Espígol-Frigolé and Cid's work was supported by the Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología, Spain (SAF 08/04328).

¹Bhaskar Dasgupta, MD, FRCP: Southend University Hospital, Westcliff-on-Sea, UK; ²Marco A. Cimmino, MD: University of Genoa, Genoa, Italy; ³Hilal Maradit Kremers, MD, MSc, Clement J. Michet, MD, MPH, Rickey E. Carter, PhD, Cynthia S. Crowson, MS, Eric L. Matteson, MD, MPH: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota; ⁴Wolfgang A. Schmidt, MD: Immanuel Krankenhaus Berlin and

Medical Center for Rheumatology Berlin-Buch, Berlin, Germany; ⁵Michael Schirmer, MD: Innsbruck Medical University, Innsbruck, Austria; ⁶Carlo Salvarani, MD, Pierluigi Macchioni, MD, Nicolò Pipitone, MD, PhD: Arcispedale S. Maria Nuova, Reggio Emilia, Italy; ⁷Artur Bachtá, MD, PhD: Military Institute of Medicine, Warsaw, Poland; ⁸Christian Dejaco, MD, PhD: Medical University of Graz, Graz, Austria; ⁹Christina Duftner, MD, PhD: Innsbruck Medical University, Innsbruck, Austria, and General Hospital of Kufstein, Kufstein, Austria; ¹⁰Hanne Slott Jensen, MD, FRCP (current address: Frederiksberg Hospital, Frederiksberg, Denmark); Gentofte Hospital, Hellerup, Denmark; ¹¹Pierre Duhaut, MD, PhD: Service de Médecine Interne, Amiens, France; ¹²Gyula Poór, MD, Novák Pál Kaposi, MD, Peter Mandl, MD, PhD, Peter V. Balint, MD, PhD, Zsuzsa Schmidt,

50 y.
12 w ~ oth ~ a PMR