

**Suspected Connective  
Tissue Disorder**

**Assessment**

- Family history of CTD
- Symptoms suggestive of CTD can include
- Raynauld's phenomenon -Especially middle age on set
- Arthralgia
- Sun-sensitive rash
- Dry eye/mouth
- Inflammatory muscle pain/weakness
- Possible Vasculitic rashes
- Respiratory problems
- Fever, malaise, fatigue, weight loss

**Investigations**

- FBC, ESR, CRP, RHF, autoantibodies, U&E, LFT
- Urinalysis
- CXR

**Refer to Integrated MSK Service**

- If CTD is suspected and positive inflammatory markers
- Consider referral to respiratory/renal/other physician depending on symptom complex.