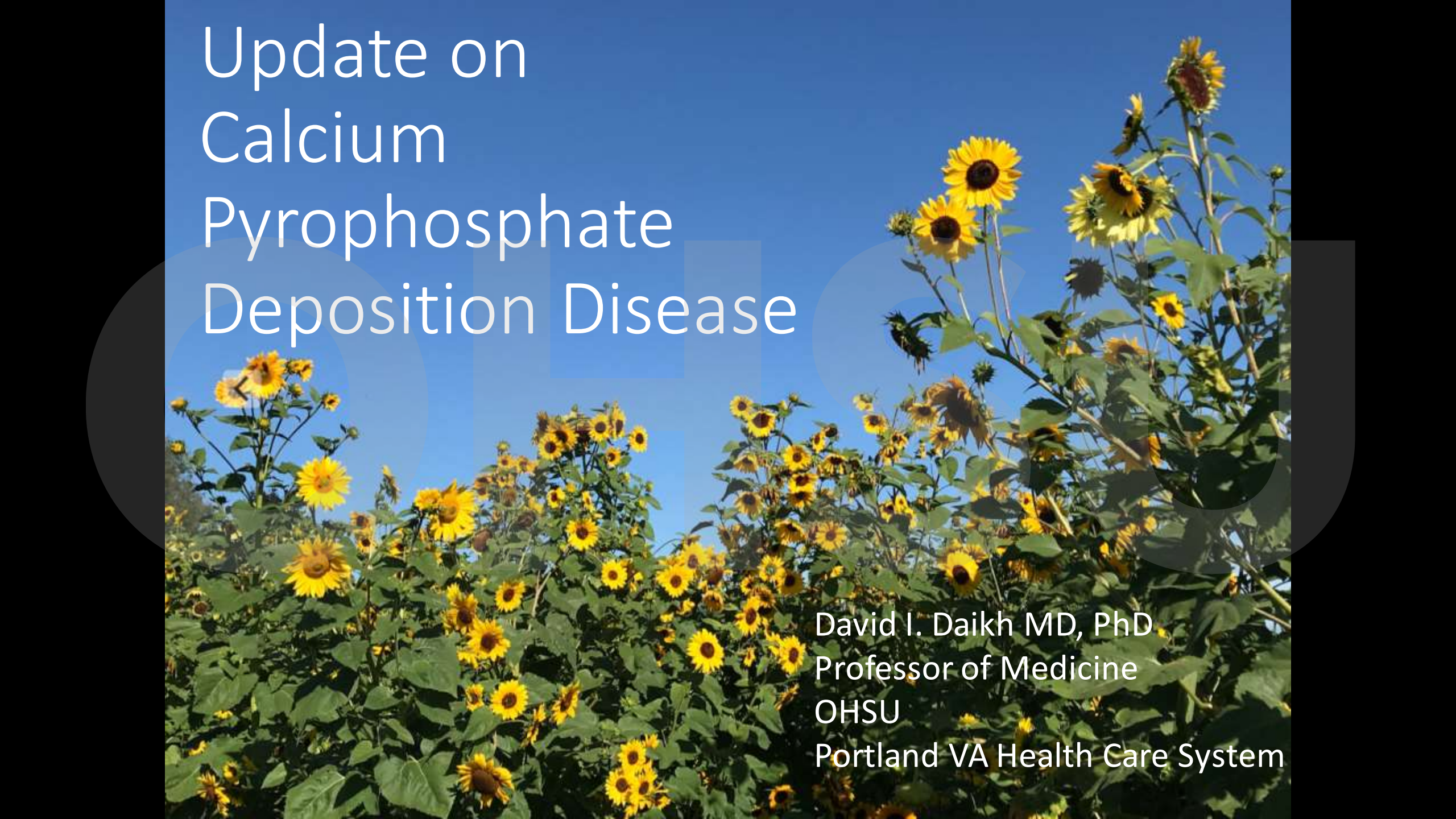


Update on Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition Disease

A low-angle photograph of a dense field of sunflowers reaching towards a clear, bright blue sky. The sunflowers have vibrant yellow petals and dark brown centers. The green leaves of the plants are visible at the base and along the stems.

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Learning Objectives

- Review and update of CPPD
- Know the most common joints involved by CPPD
- Recognize distinct patterns of inflammatory arthritis in CPPD
- Know risk factors associated with CPPD
- Understand treatment goals

Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition Disease

CPPD CPPDD

“Pseudogout”

Why think about CPPD?

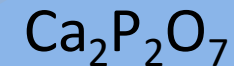
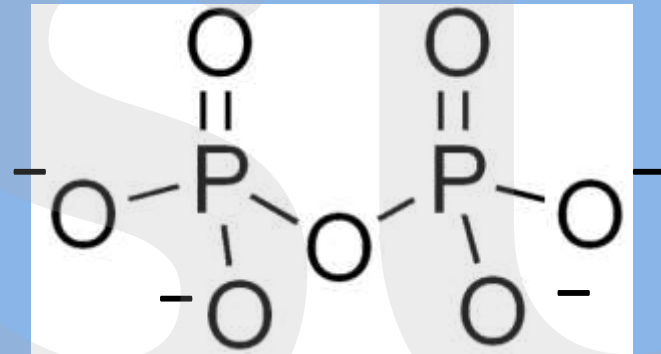
- A common cause of acute or chronic inflammatory arthritis in older individuals
- CPPD disease is a great imitator
 - Mimics Gout
 - Frequently co-exists and can cause Osteoarthritis
 - Mimics Rheumatoid Arthritis
 - Can look like meningitis

Calcium Pyrophosphate

- Clinical features
- Pathophysiology
- Treatment

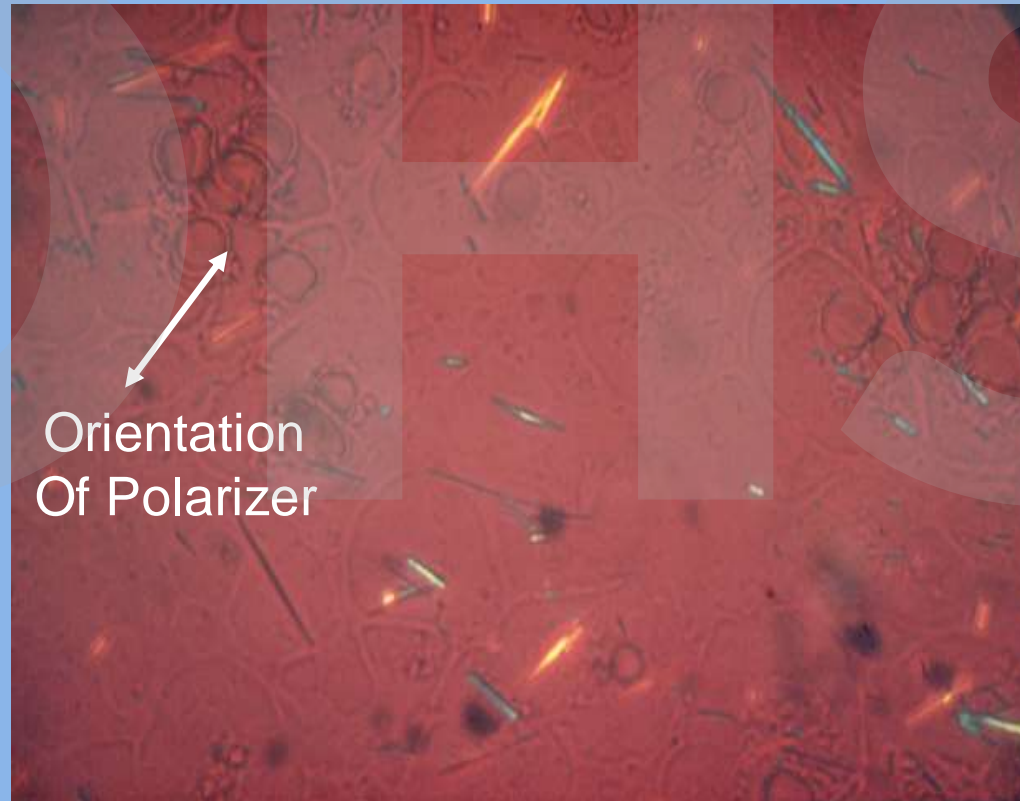
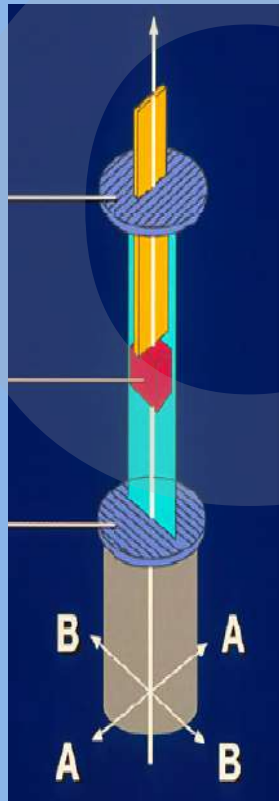
Calcium Pyrophosphate

- Pyrophosphate P_2O_7 , PP_i
- $ATP \rightarrow AMP + PP_i$
- Positively birefringent, rhomboid crystal
- CPP forms in pericellular matrix of cartilage

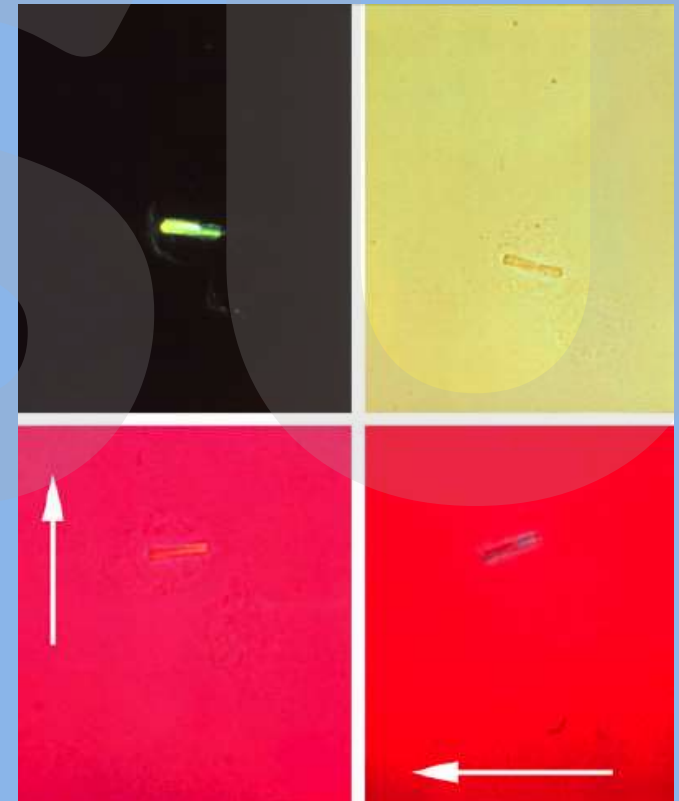


Polarized Microscopy

Demonstration of rhomboid-shaped crystals with positive birefringence on polarized microscopy

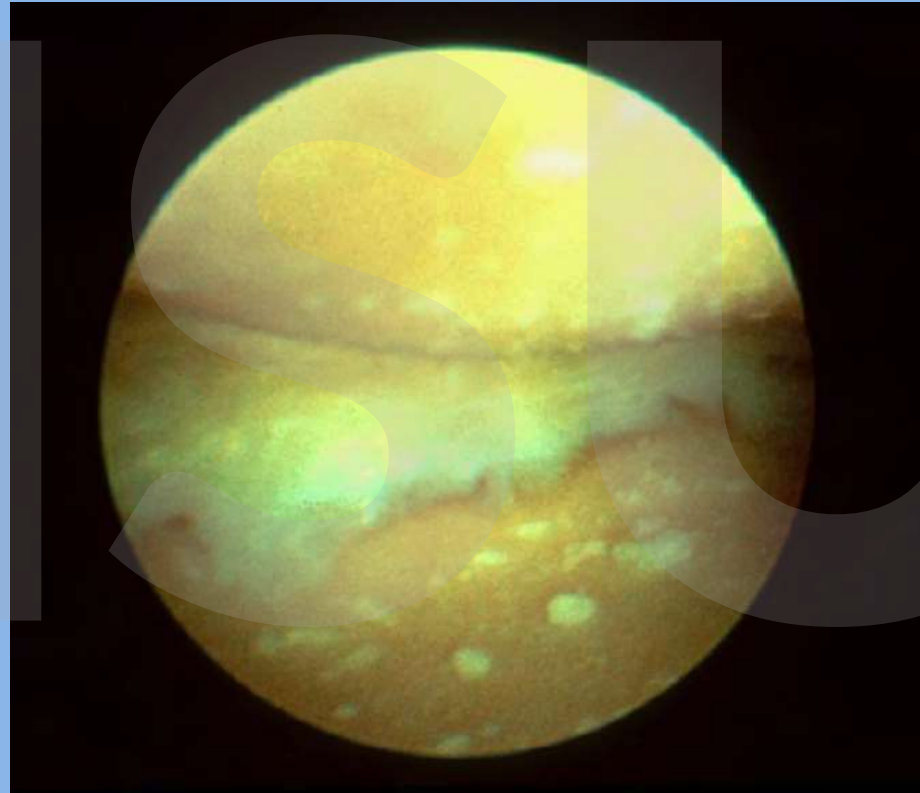


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CPPD

Chondrocalcinosis



Radiographic vs Clinical disease

- Chondrocalcinosis is highly associated with clinical CPPD disease and precedes the development of clinical disease in familial CPPD.
- Clinical disease occurs in the absence of chondrocalcinosis
 - present in approximately 40% of patients)
 - difficult to visualize with severe cartilage loss
- Chondrocalcinosis may occur in patients without arthritis
 - non-CPP mineral (e.g. calcium phosphate dihydrate)
- Meniscus, fibrocartilage of wrist, symphysis pubis, AC joint, intervertebral disks and spinal ligaments

CPPD Disease is Common

- Prevalence is 4 to 7% in Europe and the United States
- Rare under age 60
- Prevalence doubles each decade
- 44% of patients > age 84
- Familial CPPD

Distinct Clinical Patterns

1. Acute inflammatory arthritis (gout like)
 2. Chronic inflammatory arthritis (RA like)
 3. Chronic degenerative arthritis (OA like)
- Severe destructive arthropathy (Charcot like)
 - Spinal involvement
 - Tumoral calcification

Acute inflammatory arthritis (Pseudogout)

- Acute monoarticular inflammatory arthritis
- Mimics acute gout and septic arthritis
- Knee is to pseudogout as great toe is to gout
- Pseudogout vs Gout
 - knee, wrist vs toe and ankle
 - weeks to months vs days to weeks

Chronic inflammatory arthritis (RA like)

- Chronic inflammatory oligo- or polyarticular inflammatory arthritis
- Synovitis typically present
- Frequently involving the hands and wrists (MCPs)
- CPPDD vs RA
 - Less symmetric
 - Sequential involvement of joints
- Chronic episodic inflammatory oligoarthritis

Pseudo-RA Pattern of CPPD Disease



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Pseudo-RA Pattern of CPPD Disease



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Chronic degenerative arthritis (OA like)

CPPD:

- Causes OA
- Frequently co-exists with OA
- Is confused with OA
- CPPDD vs OA
 - Inflammatory features
 - Severe destruction
 - Specific Joint Involvement
 - Wrist, MCPs, Glenohumeral joint

Degenerative CPPD Arthritis



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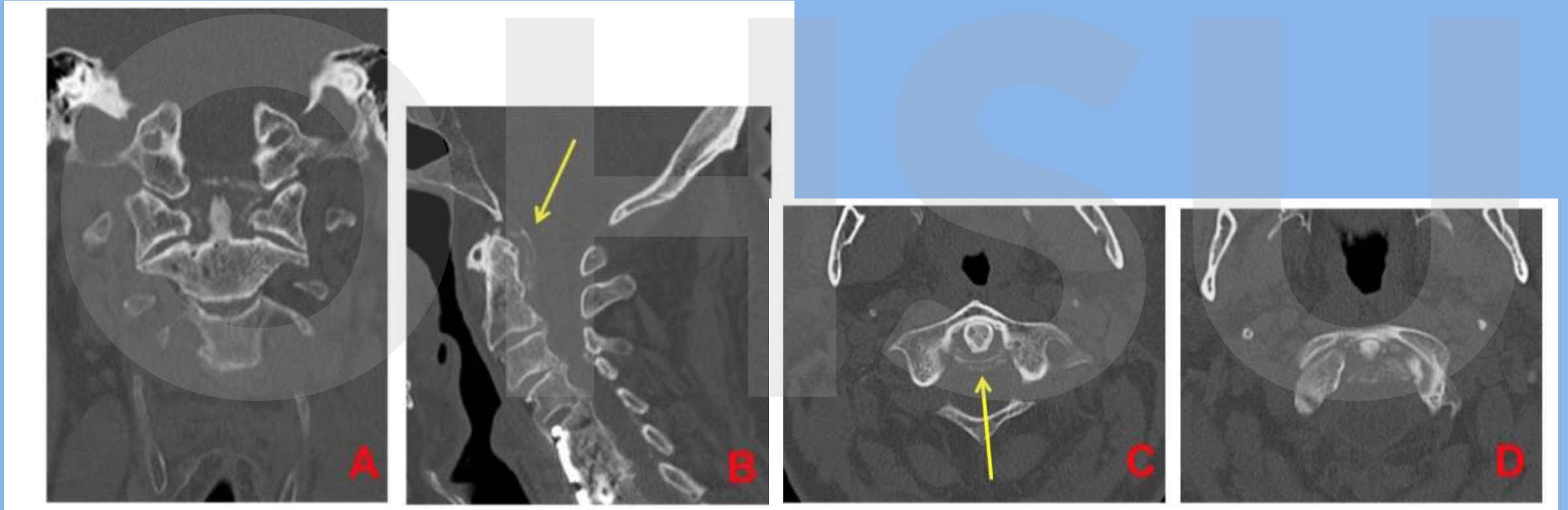
Patterns of Inflammatory Arthritis



Spine involvement

- CPP can deposit in intervertebral disks and along spinal ligaments
- Deposition and inflammation in and around C2 and C1 produces acute, severe neck pain, frequently with headache and fever. “Crown Dens Syndrome”
- High acute phase reactants
- Often confused with meningitis, epidural abscess or sepsis.

Crown Dens Syndrome



CPPD Disease

Associated Conditions

- Hemochromatosis
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Hypomagnesemia
- Hypothyroidism
- Hypophosphatasia
- Ochronosis
- Gout
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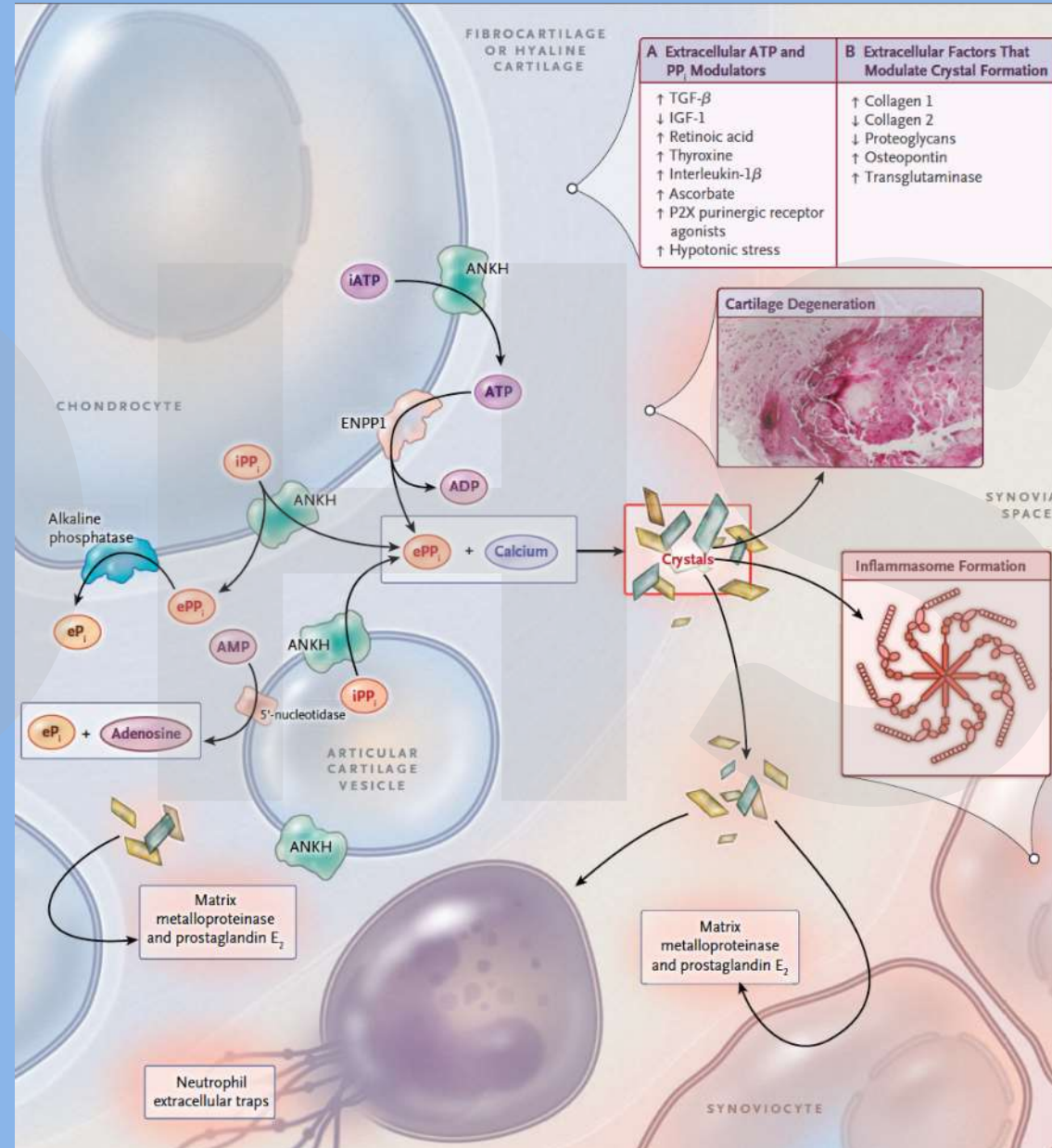
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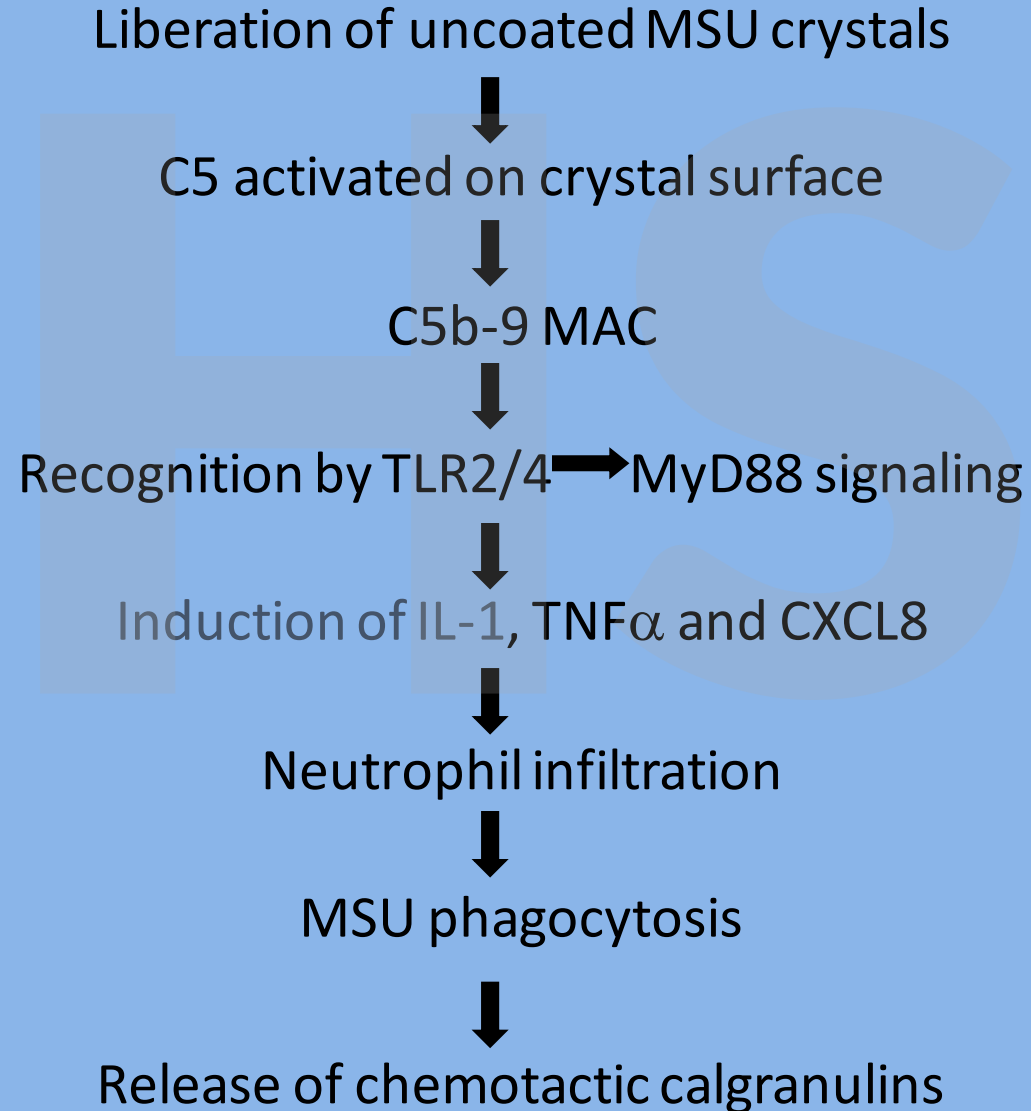
Pathophysiology of CPPD Disease

- formation of CPP crystals in the pericellular matrix of cartilage by chondrocytes in articular cartilage vesicles
- Extracellular ATP is a rate-limiting for PP_i formation
- ATP efflux regulated by membrane protein ANKH
- CPP crystals activate inflammatory responses and stimulate destructive metabolic changes that damage chondrocytes and synoviocytes

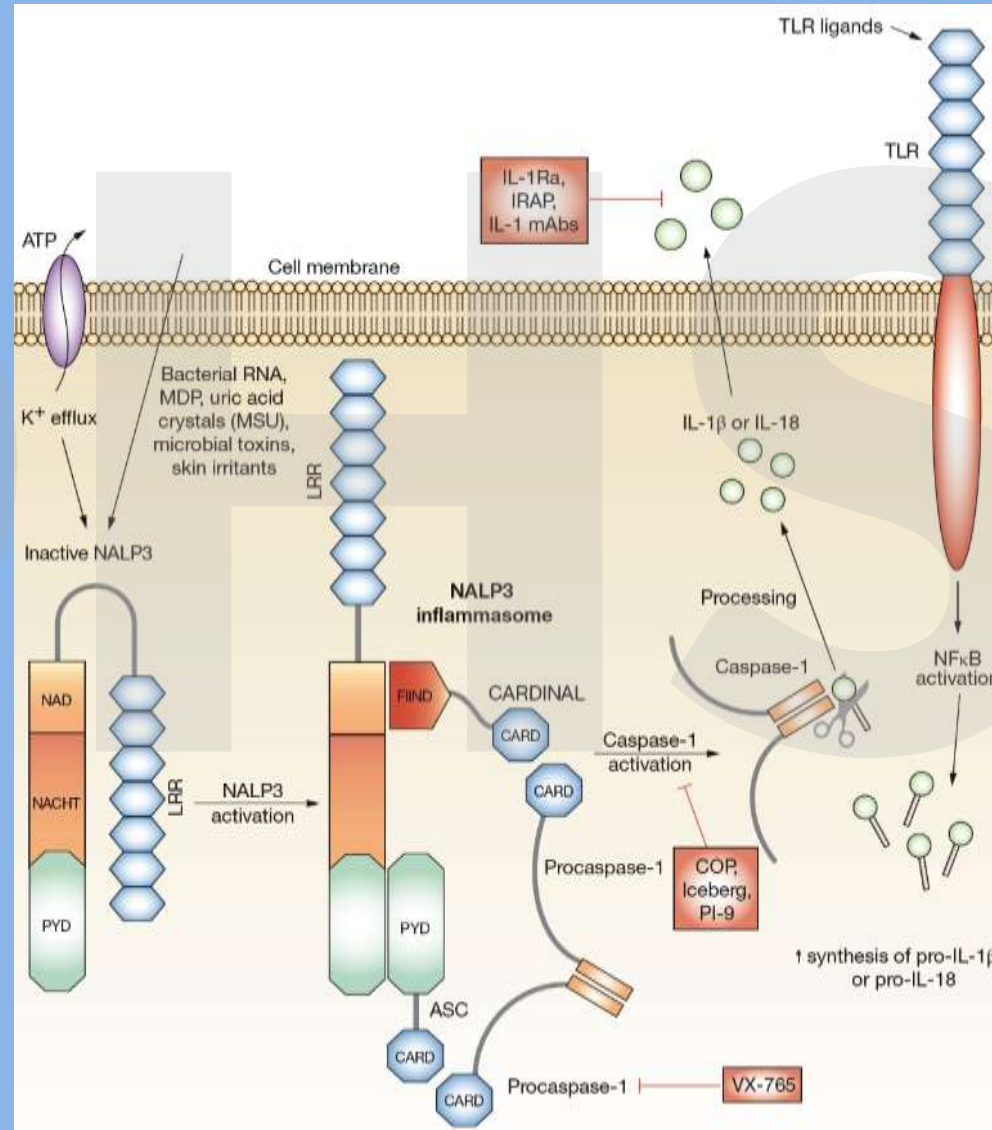
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Innate Immune Response in Gout



Induction of the NALP3 Inflammasome



CPPD “Pseudogout”

Typical Clinical Features

- Acute, inflammatory, gout-like attacks that occur secondary to calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate (CPPD) crystals.
- Patients are typically older (60's-70's).
- Male/female incidence is about equal
- Knee is to pseudogout as big toe is to gout (wrist also common).

Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition Disease

Objective Findings

- Radiographs typically show linear deposition of calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate (CPPD) in hyaline cartilage or fibrocartilage.
 - triangular cartilage of wrist
 - menisci of knee
 - symphysis pubis
 - acromioclavicular joint
- Inflammatory synovial fluid.
- Rhomboid shaped, weakly positively birefringent crystals.

Basic Calcium Phosphate Disease

- More likely in OA joint
 - Positive birefringent rod shaped crystals
 - knee > wrist > MCPs > hips, shoulders, ankles; frequently including tendons
- Chondrocalcinosis
- Neuropathic joint



Treatment Considerations

- Pseudogout - treat like gout
 - NSAIDS, steroids
 - colchicine
 - Start immediately
 - Acute gout regimen: 1.2 mg followed by 0.6 mg one hour later
 - anakinra
 - SQ daily for 3-5 day

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Colchicine

- Reversible inhibition of microtubule assembly
- Inhibits NALP3 inflammasome activation
- Now an expensive medication



Colchicum

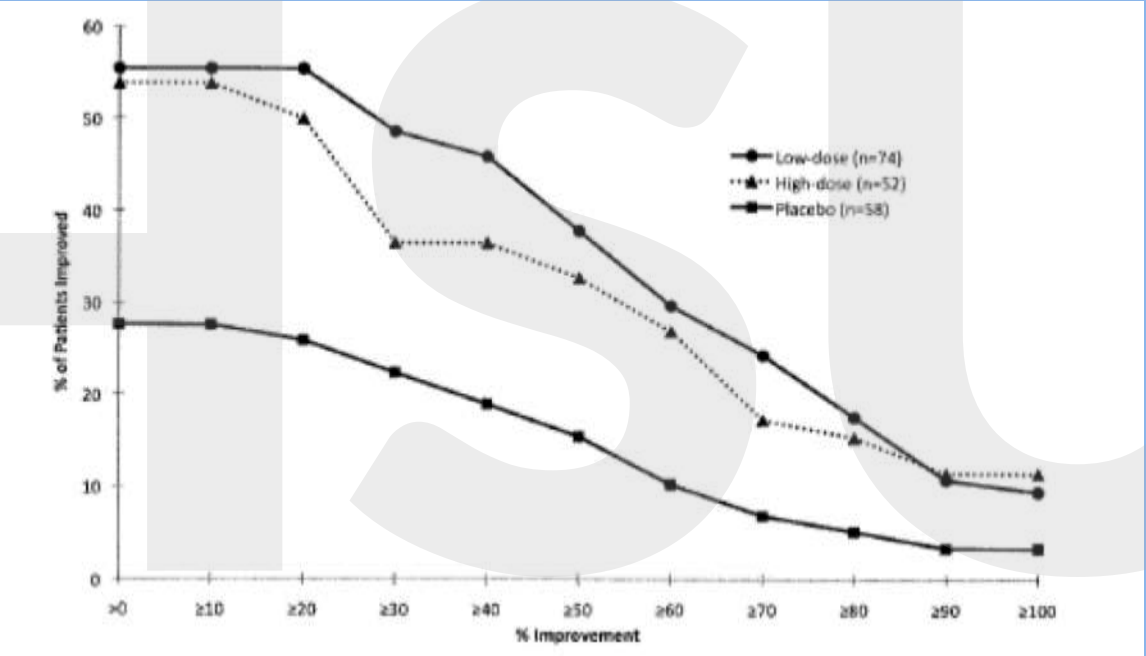
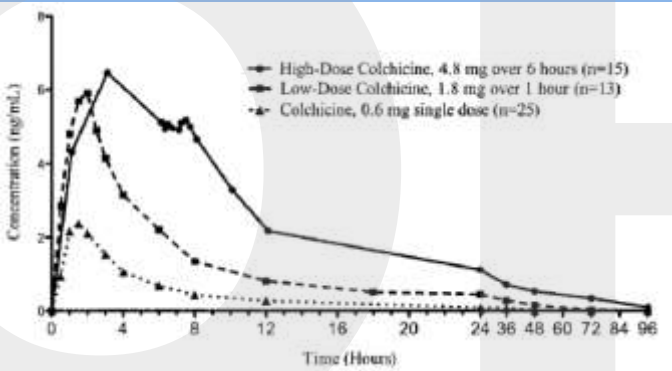
Colchicine - Side Effects

- Narrow therapeutic window
 - Neuropathy, myopathy, bone marrow suppression
- GI effects
 - Purgative effect
- IV colchicine
 - Tissue necrosis, acute renal failure, bone marrow aplasia
 - Don't use it

AGREE Trial of Colchicine for Acute Gout

“Low-Dose” 1.8 mg over 1 hr (1.2 + 0.6)

“High Dose” 4.8 mg over 6 hrs (1.2 + 0.6/hr)



Placebo

50.0

13.6

LD

31.1

23.0

HD

34.6

76.9

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- Weakness and lethargy – 74 percent
- Skin hyperpigmentation – 70 percent
- Diabetes mellitus – 48 percent
- Arthralgia – 44 percent
- Impotence in males – 45 percent
- Electrocardiographic abnormalities – 31 percent

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Hemochromatosis

- Lab Testing/Screening

- Unexplained liver function test abnormalities
- High serum ferritin
 - eg, >300 ng/mL in men or postmenopausal women; >200 ng/mL in premenopausal women
- High transferrin saturation
 - (>45 percent for men or >55 percent for women)
- *HFE* gene mutation

Treatment Considerations

- Degenerative Arthritis (OA)
 - Consider metabolic risk factors
 - Hemochromatosis
 - Hyperparathyroidism
 - Hypomagnesemia
 - Symptomatic treatment
 - acetaminophen
 - NSAIDs
 - consider gabapentin

Treatment Considerations

- Chronic Inflammatory (pseudo-RA)
 - NSAIDs
 - Colchicine 0.6 QD – BID
 - Consider DMARDs
 - prednisone
 - hydroxychloroquine
 - methotrexate

CPPD Disease

- A common cause of chronic inflammatory and degenerative arthritis
- Appropriate treatment requires recognition of the distinct pattern of clinical disease
- Chronic inflammatory CPPDD is an unmet clinical need

Thank You

