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Systemic sclerosis is a complex autoimmune disease with various presentations and different extent of internal organ involvement. All complications have a significant effect on the quality of life and impact on morbidity and mortality. A constantly increasing interest is therefore focused on innovative methods to assess, diagnose, and follow up on organ involvement, including interstitial lung disease, pulmonary hypertension, skin tightness, and peripheral vasculopathy. We therefore aim at collecting new advancements in the assessment of scleroderma patients, both for their identification and management (including follow-up evaluations and response to treatment assessments). These may include outcome measures, laboratory biomarkers, imaging tools, and patient reported outcomes, which may implement the current clinical knowledge and be useful in clinical practice.

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