



Rheumatoid Arthritis Prevention and Control

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Message from the Guest Editors

The management of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) has been revolutionised by the early arthritis paradigm, with prompt identification and treatment now the central focus of RA clinical care around the world. Despite this approach and despite the array of treatments available, only a minority of patients achieve sustained disease remission.

In addition to the long held ambition of controlling clinically established arthritis, the recognition of a preclinical phase of RA has now raised the exciting prospect of arthritis prevention. Biomarkers such as autoantibodies, clinical symptoms can be used to accurately identify individuals who are "at-risk" of developing RA.

How do specific risk factors influence the pathobiology of RA, and which should we target to prevent arthritis? What drives RA-related autoimmunity, and how significant is the development of subclinical joint inflammation on imaging? Do at-risk individuals want to undertake preventative interventions? How can this be achieved using the therapies currently available to us?

In this Special Issue, we aim to address these intriguing areas, which are major contemporary challenges in rheumatology research and practice.





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