

**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.