

Assessment of calcinosis in Portuguese patients with Systemic Sclerosis – a multicenter study

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Abstract:

Calcinosis is a common problem among Systemic Sclerosis (SSc) patients and, although it may affect almost any body tissue, it is typically seen in hands, feet, elbows and knees. There is an increasing number of studies focusing on clinical factors associated with calcinosis in SSc, however the results are scarce, contradictory and do not evaluate subclinical calcinosis. Also, the most sensitive site for subclinical calcinosis detection is yet to be determined. Our goal is to determine the prevalence of clinical and subclinical calcinosis among Portuguese SSc patients and which anatomical site is the most sensitive for this diagnosis. Secondly, to assess if there is correlation to other SSc spectrum manifestations.