

Joint Swelling

Important history notes:

- 1) Associated symptoms: fever, rash, uri or sore throat, diarrhea or abdominal pain, eye pain or redness, weight loss
- 2) Quality of pain: exacerbating and relieving factors, severity, number of joints, fixed or migratory, length of time
- 3) Distinguishing between arthralgia and arthritis: with arthritis there should be swelling, warmth, stiffness and sometimes redness
- 4) Exposures: travel, new medications, pets
- 5) Family history: autoimmune disease, recurrent fevers

Patient presents with joint pain

