

Topics for discussion at Myositis meeting

1. Diagnosis of cutaneous DM – confusion with Subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus
2. Evaluation for systemic disease in patients presenting with skin disease
 - a. Malignancy
 - b. Lung disease
 - c. Other
3. Relationship of malignancy to activity of the skin/muscle disease
4. Value or lack thereof regarding testing for Myositis specific or myositis associated antibodies
5. Treatments available for managing cutaneous dermatomyositis
 - a. Why long-term corticosteroids should be avoided
 - b. Immunosuppressive v. immunomodulatory agents
 - c. Cannabinoids – are they a future potential