Title: Panniculitis: An unusual cutaneous manifestation of rheumatoid arthritis

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Abstract:

Specific and nonspecific panniculitis may occur during the course of connective tissue diseases. However, association of panniculitis and rheumatoid arthritis has only rarely been described, and with so few reports it is difficult to know the significance of this unusual association. The panniculitis resolved when the arthritis was inactive. We describe 2 patients with rheumatoid arthritis in whom panniculitis developed during the course of the disease, and discuss its clinical significance.