

COULD THIS PATIENT HAVE TEMPORAL ARTERITIS?

Patient
Age

50+

No

Consider
Alternative
Diagnosis

Yes



**PAINLESS
VISION LOSS**

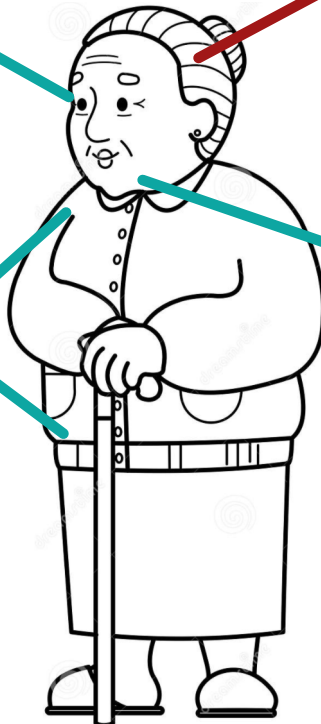


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Pain & Stiffness in the
Hip & Shoulder Girdle



**FEVER
WEIGHT LOSS
FATIGUE**



Key symptom

HEADACHE

New OR Worsening
± Scalp Tenderness



**JAW
CLAUDICATION**

Pain after chewing for a few
minutes (non-TMJ-related)



DRAW LABS

- CBC (elevated platelets)
- CRP (abn > 10)
- ESR (abn > 50)



1. If headache & abn labs, consider oral prednisone 1mg/kg
2. If ≥ 2 symptom boxes & abn labs, consider oral prednisone 1mg/kg
3. If visual loss, consider 1g pulse IV solumedrol

1. If Clinical Suspicion, Call **Rheumatology**
2. If Visual Symptoms Also Call **Ophthalmology**

Use as a guideline only. Learn more about temporal arteritis [here](#). March 2021