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9 Ten key recommendations for the role of imaging in the management of RA were developed using research-based evidence and expert opinion.

EULAR Recommendations for the Use of Imaging of the Joints in the Clinical Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis

Colebatch AN, *et al. Ann Rheum Dis.* 2013;72(6):804–814.

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10 Patients were divided into two groups: Group 1 consisted of 30 patients diagnosed between 1968 and 1980; Group 2 consisted of 59 patients diagnosed between 1981 and 1990. In Group 1, patient survival at 20 years was 84% versus 95% in Group 2 ($p=0.05$).

Progressive Improvement of Patient and Renal Survival and Reduction of Morbidity Over Time in Patients with Lupus Nephritis (LN) Followed for 20 Years.

Moroni G, *et al. Lupus.* 2013 Jun 13. [Epub ahead of print]

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11 The rituxilup cohort demonstrates that oral steroids can be safely avoided in the treatment of LN. If findings are confirmed, it could mark a step change in the approach to the treatment of LN.

Prospective Observational Single-centre Cohort Study to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Treating Lupus Nephritis with Rituximab and Mycophenolate Mofetil but no Oral Steroids.

Condon MB, *et al. Ann Rheum Dis.* 2013 Jun 7. [Epub ahead of print]

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12 Double positive (DP) patients share extrarenal manifestations similar to AAV patients while the renal manifestations resemble anti-GBM patients clinically and histologically.

Characteristics and Outcome of Crescentic Glomerulonephritis in Patients with both Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody and Anti-glomerular Basement Membrane Antibody.

Srivastava A, *et al. Clin Rheumatol.* 2013 Apr 28. [Epub ahead of print]

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