

# Stamceltransplantatie bij systemic sclerosis

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# Inhoud

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  - Optimale selectie
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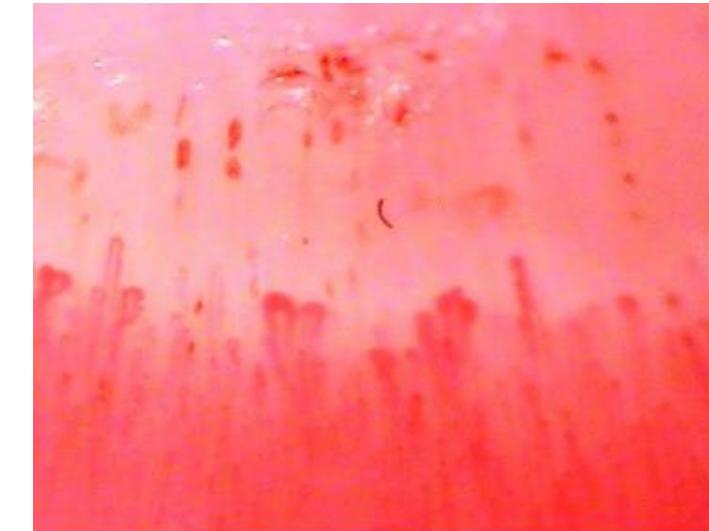
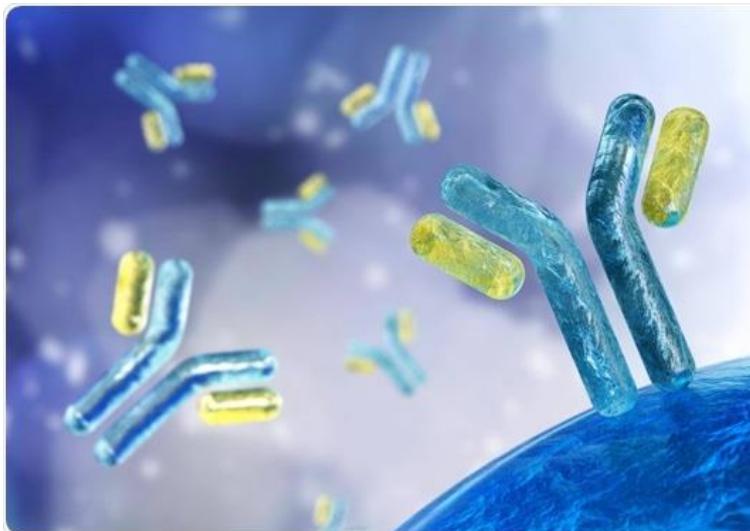
# Casus

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- 38 jaar
- Roker
- Bouwvakker

>> KOUDE HANDEL  
5 maanden



# Casus      Systemische sclerose

Puffy hands, mRSS 4

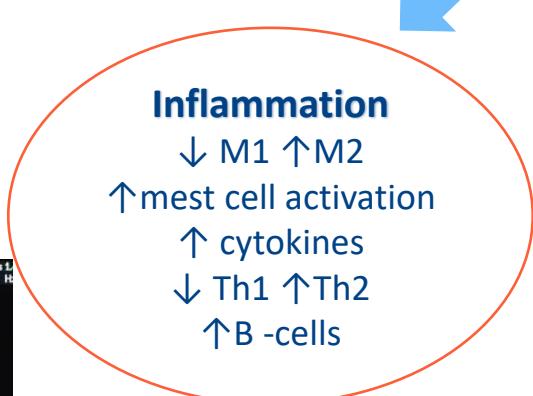
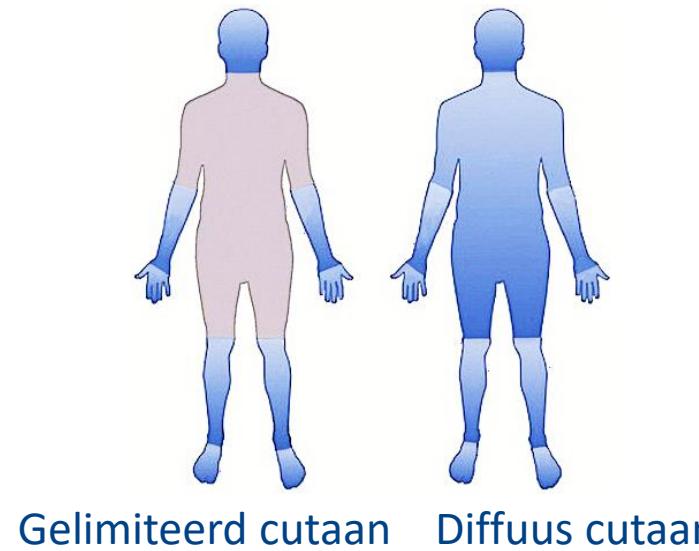


Pitting scars

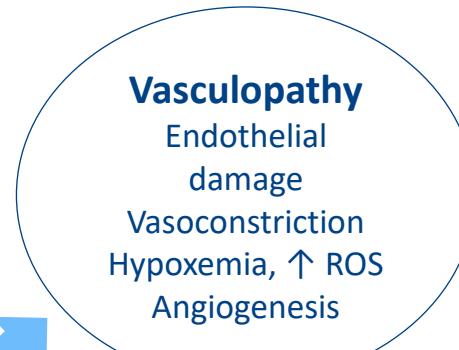
Behandeling

- MMF 2 gram
- Nifedipine 30mg

# Pathofysiologie & kliniek

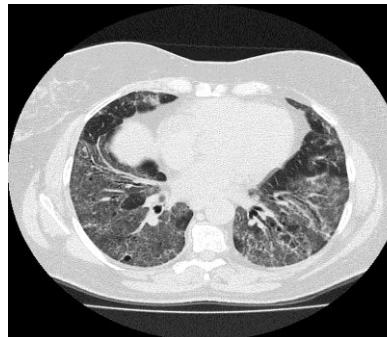
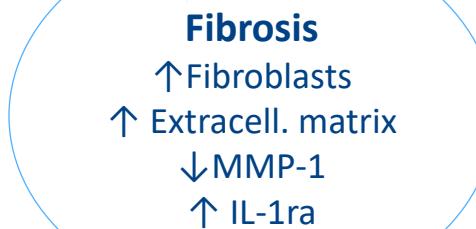


Endothelin 1  
IL-4  
IL-6



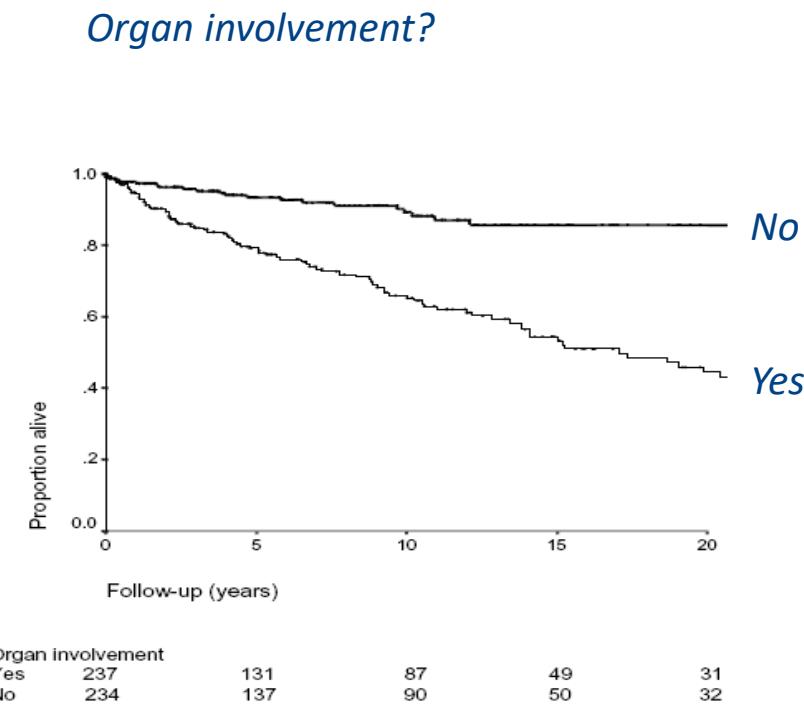
TGF-B  
IL-6  
IL-4, MCP-1, IL-1

IL-4, cellular toxicity, anti-EC bodies

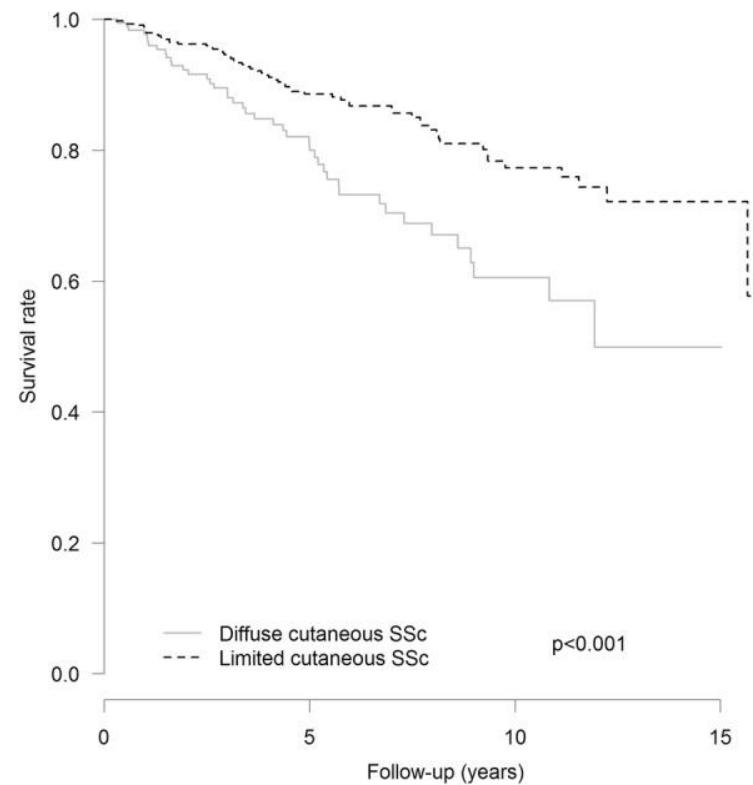


- 3000 - 4000 patiënten in Nederland
- Incidentie: 1-5 per 100.000 per jaar
- Heterogene manifestaties en beloop

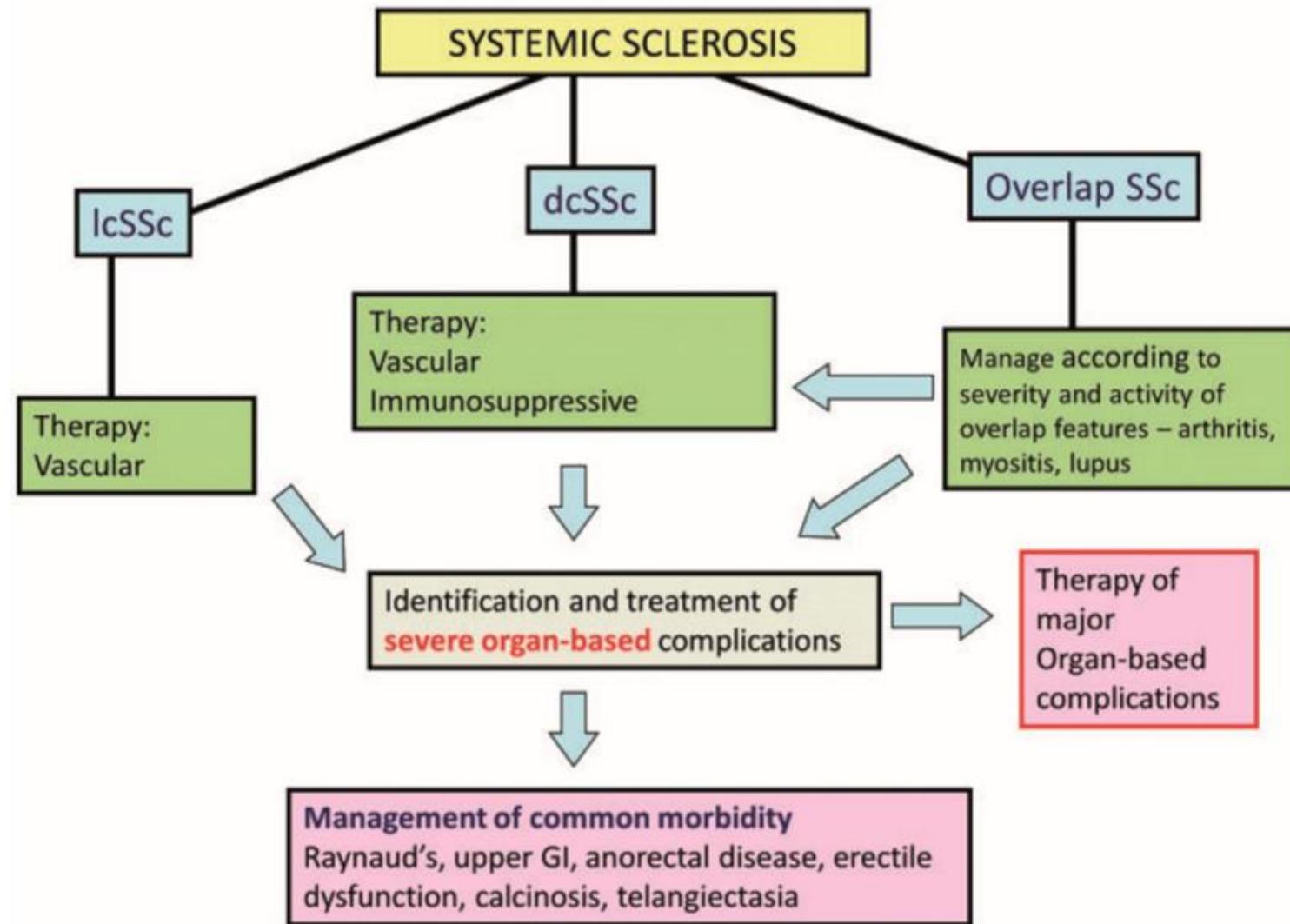
*Ioannidis et al. Am J Med 2005*



*Pokeerlux et al. Arthritis Res Ther. 2019*



# Behandelrichtlijn



# Casus

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## Na 8 weken:

- mRSS 15 (diffuus patroon)
  - Artralgie/myalgie
  - Vermoeidheid
- Sterk verhoogd hs troponine

→ MMF 3 gram/dag

→ Volgende stap?

# Vroege progressieve diffuse cutane SSc

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*a window of opportunity*



MTX

MMF

Cyclofosfamide

Rituximab

Tocilizumab

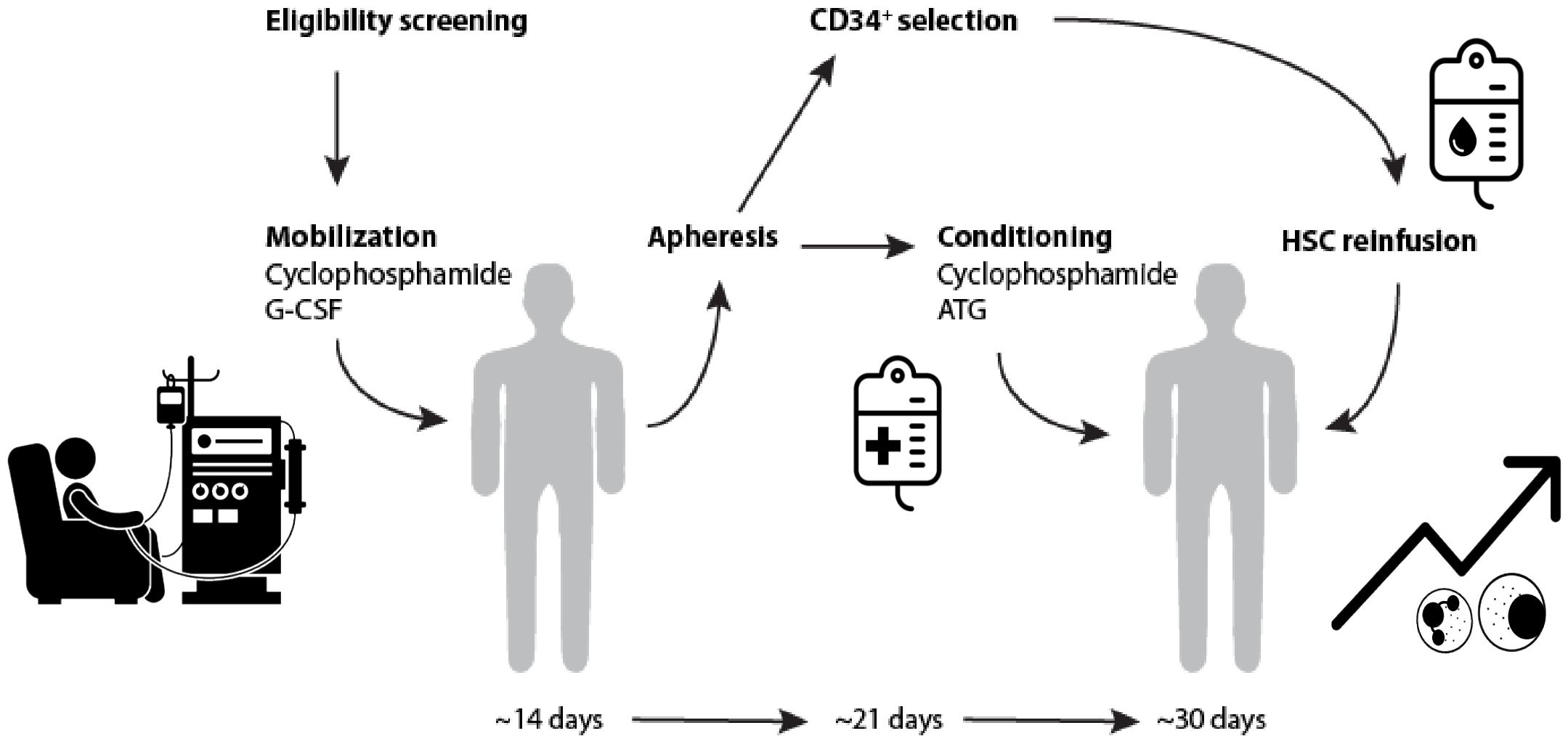
Fibroseremmers

Autologe stamceltransplantatie



KEEP CALM  
AND PRESS  
  
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DELETE

# Procedure

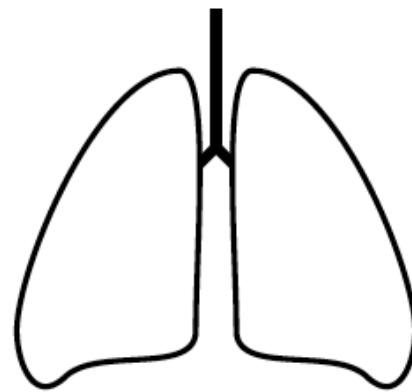


# Screening

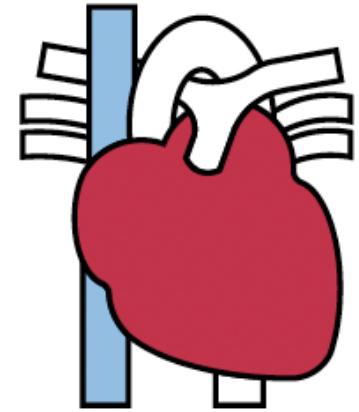
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**Bloedonderzoek:**  
bloedbeeld, nierfunctie,  
leverfunctie, virusserologie, urine



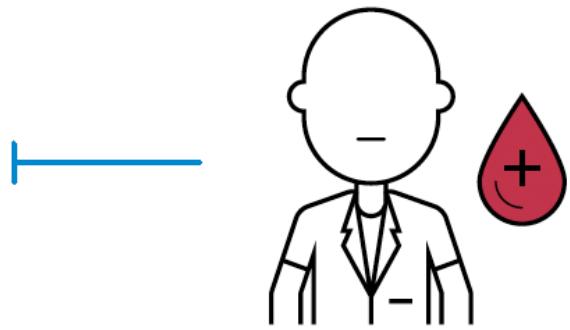
**Lungen:**  
longfunctie en longscan



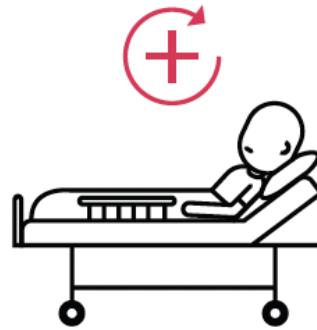
**Hart:**  
echo, holter (recorder voor hartritme),  
MRI en rechts katheterisatie

# Mobilisatie

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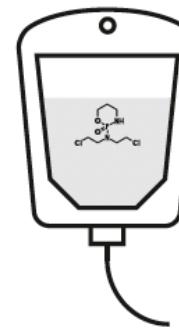


Afspraak bij de hematoloog



Opname op afdeling hematologie.

Ongeveer 2 weken



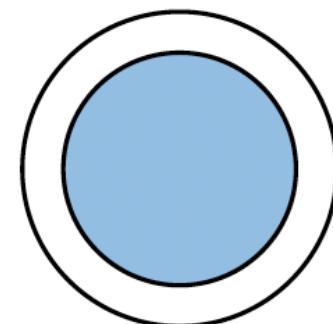
Cyclofosfamide infusus

1 dag



Dagelijkse injectie groeifactoren

5 dagen – 11 spuitjes

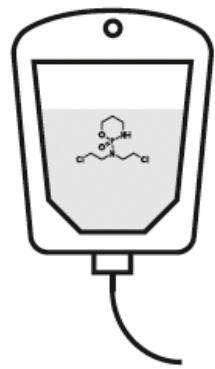


Oogsten van stamcellen

1-2 dagen

# Conditionering

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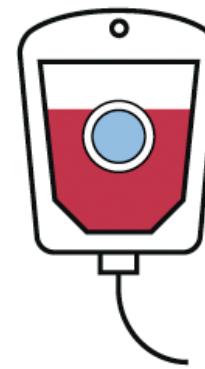
Cyclofosfamide infuus

4 dagen



ATG infuus

3 dagen



Infuus met stamcellen

1 dag



Na uitrijping van de  
stamcellen naar huis

2 weken na toediening

# Herstel

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Bloedonderzoek

2-wekelijks de eerste 3 maanden, daarna maandelijks



Antibiotica

Gemiddeld een jaar

# Werkt het?

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2 RCTs en verschillende cohort studies

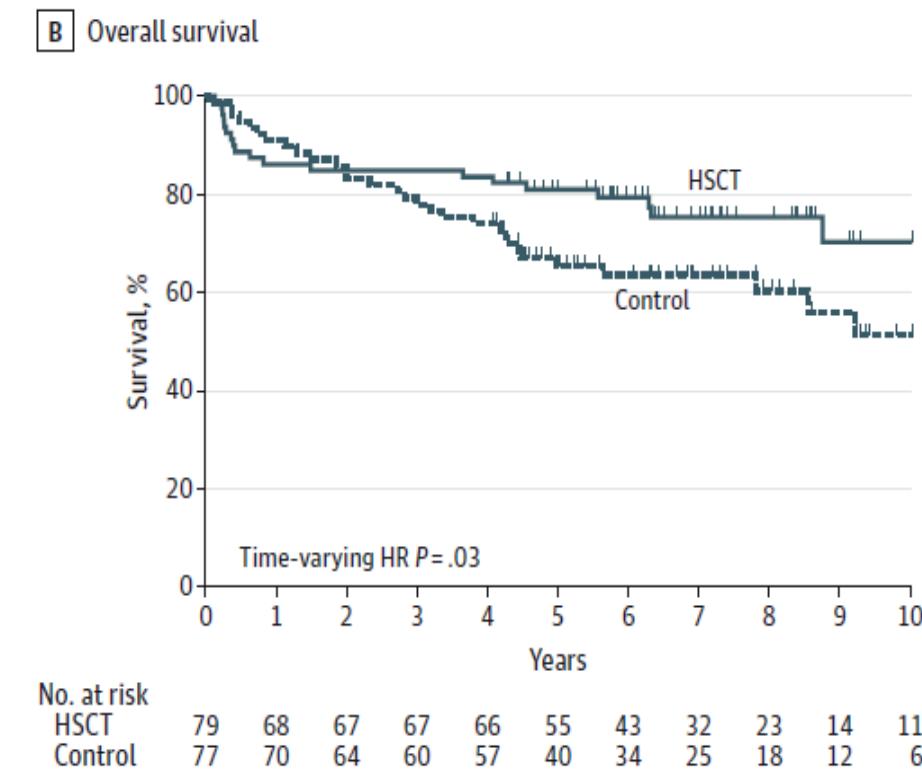
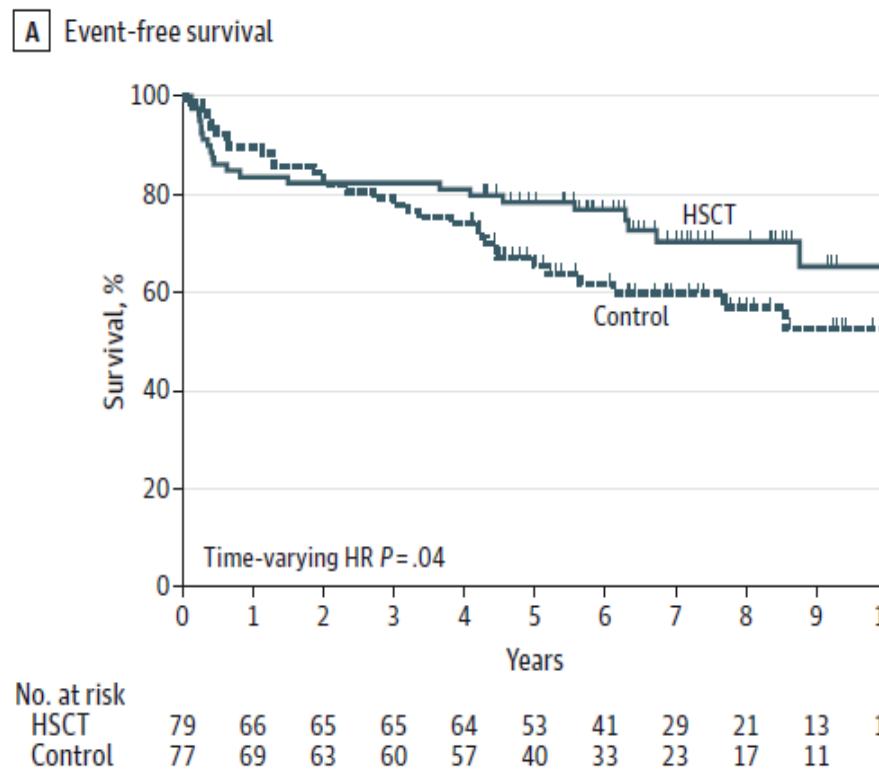
AHSCT in patiënten met **diffuse cutane** systemische sclerose

- ❖ Betere lange termijnoverleving
- ❖ Preventie progressie orgaanbetrokkenheid
- ❖ Verbetering huid

**✗ Hoger risico op ernstige complicaties t.o.v. andere behandelingen**

# Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation vs Intravenous Pulse Cyclophosphamide in Diffuse Cutaneous Systemic Sclerosis A Randomized Clinical Trial

**Event-free survival & overall  
survival beter na AHSCT tov  
cyclofosfamide**



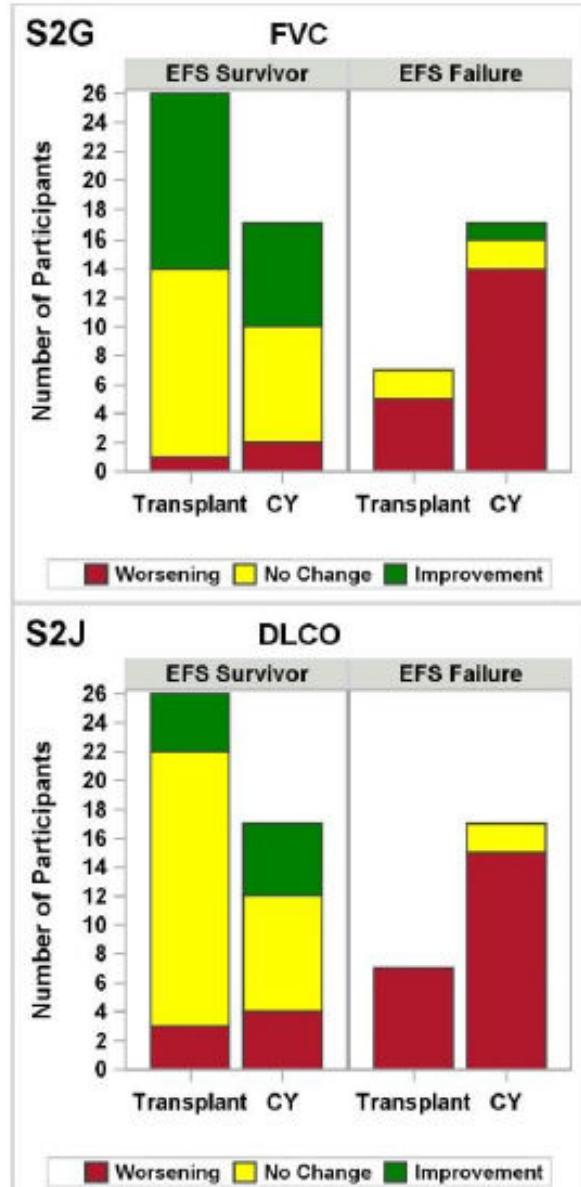
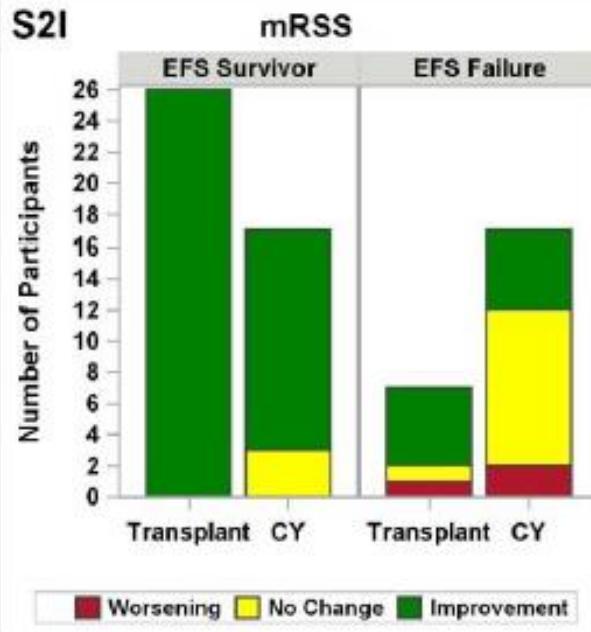
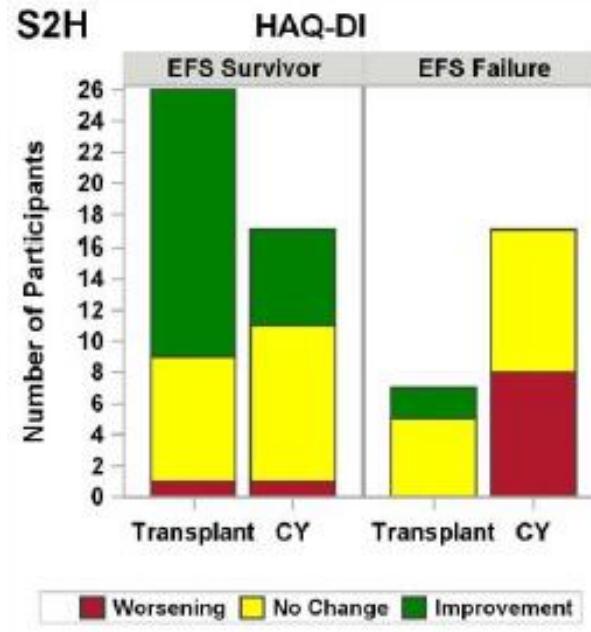
TRM 10%

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Myeloablative Autologous Stem-Cell Transplantation for Severe Scleroderma

**SCOT trial bevestigt voordelen van AHSCT**

TRM 6%

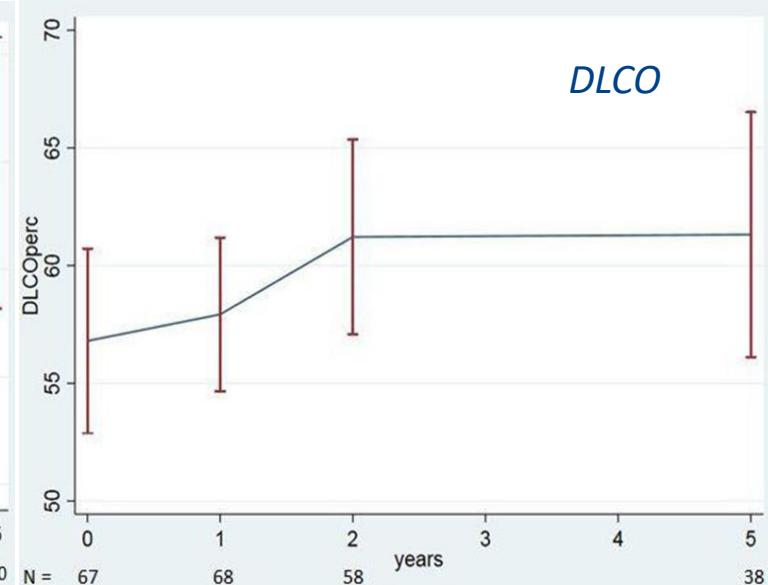
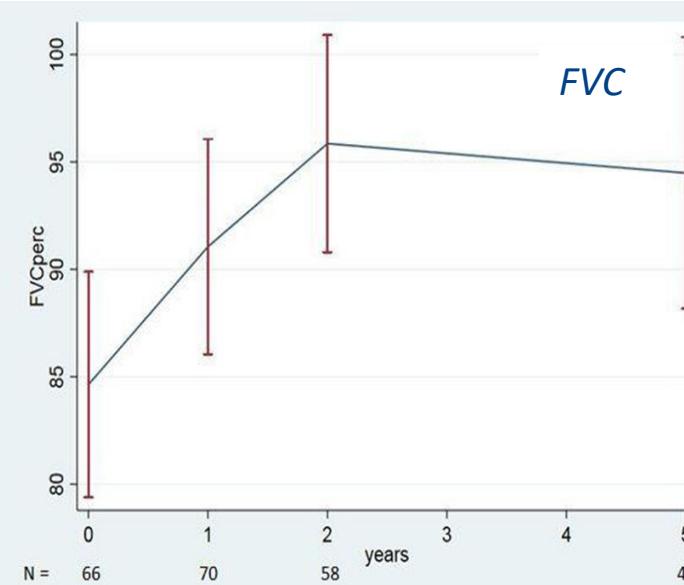
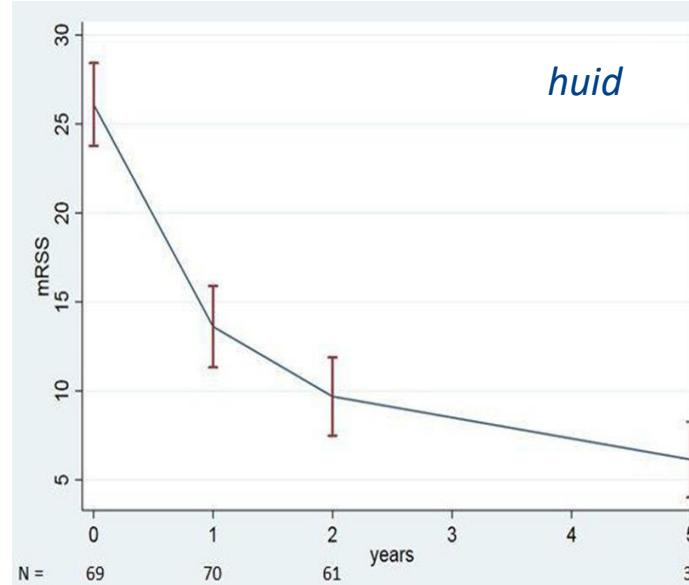


# Nederlands AHSCT cohort

n=92

Even free survival op 15 jaar follow-up: 66%

Treatment related mortality beter over de tijd: 13.7% >> 7.3%



# Verbetering kwaliteit van leven na AHSCT

## Original article

### Health-related quality of life in systemic sclerosis before and after autologous haematopoietic stem cell transplant—a systematic review

Mathieu Puyade<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Nancy Maltez<sup>3,\*</sup>, Pauline Lansiaux<sup>4,5</sup>, Grégory Pugnet<sup>6,7</sup>, Pascal Roblot<sup>1,8</sup>, Ines Colmegna<sup>9,10</sup>, Marie Hudson<sup>10,11,\*</sup> and Dominique Farge<sup>4,5,10,\*</sup>

#### Abstract

**Objectives.** In severe rapidly progressive SSc, autologous haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (AHSCT) allows significant improvements in overall and event-free survival. We undertook this study to identify, appraise and synthesize the evidence on health-related quality of life (HRQoL) before and after AHSCT for SSc.

**Methods.** We performed a systematic review of the literature, following the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses guidelines, in PubMed and ScienceDirect from database inception to 1 February 2019. All articles with original HRQoL data were selected.

**Results.** The search identified 1080 articles, of which 8 were selected: 3 unblinded randomized controlled trials (American Scleroderma Stem Cell versus Immune Suppression Trial (ASSIST), Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation International Scleroderma, Scleroderma: Cyclophosphamide or Transplantation), 3 uncontrolled phase I or II trials and 2 cohort studies. HRQoL data from 289 SSc patients treated with AHSCT and 125 treated with intravenous CYC as a comparator with median 1.25–4.5 years follow-up were included. HRQoL was evaluated with the HAQ Disability Index (HAQ-DI; 275 patients), the 36-item Short Form Health Survey (SF-36; 249 patients) and the European Quality of Life 5-Dimensions questionnaire (EQ-5D; 138 patients). The quality of the studies was moderate to low. AHSCT was associated with significant improvement in the HAQ-DI ( $P = 0.02$ – $0.001$ ), SF-36 Physical Component Summary score ( $P = 0.02$ – $0.001$ ) and EQ-5D index-based utility score ( $P < 0.001$ ). The SF-36 Mental Component Summary score improved in the ASSIST ( $n = 19$ ) and one small retrospective cohort ( $n = 30$  patients,  $P = 0.005$ ) but did not improve significantly in 2 randomized controlled trials ( $n = 200$  patients,  $P = 0.1$ – $0.91$ ).

**Conclusion.** AHSCT in severe SSc patients is associated with significant and durable improvement in physical HRQoL.

**Key words:** autologous haematopoietic stem cell transplantation, quality of life, systemic sclerosis

#### Rheumatology key messages

- AHSCT in severe SSc is associated with significant and durable improvement in physical HRQoL.
- The evidence concerning the impact of AHSCT on mental HRQoL remains inconsistent.
- Further research will be required to understand the causal associations between AHSCT for SSc and HRQoL.

#### Introduction

SSc is a chronic autoimmune multi-organ disease characterized by progressive fibrosis of the skin and internal

organs [1], in rapidly progressive dcSSc, the 5 year mortality rate reaches 30%, depending on the extent of lung, heart and kidney involvement [2, 3]. In addition to reduced

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Clinical  
Science

## Systematic review:

- 8 studies (N=289 AHSCT, N=125 CYC)
- Median 1.25–4.5 jaar follow-up
- HAQ-DI, SF-36, EQ5D

# Hoe werkt het?

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## Stamceltransplantatie



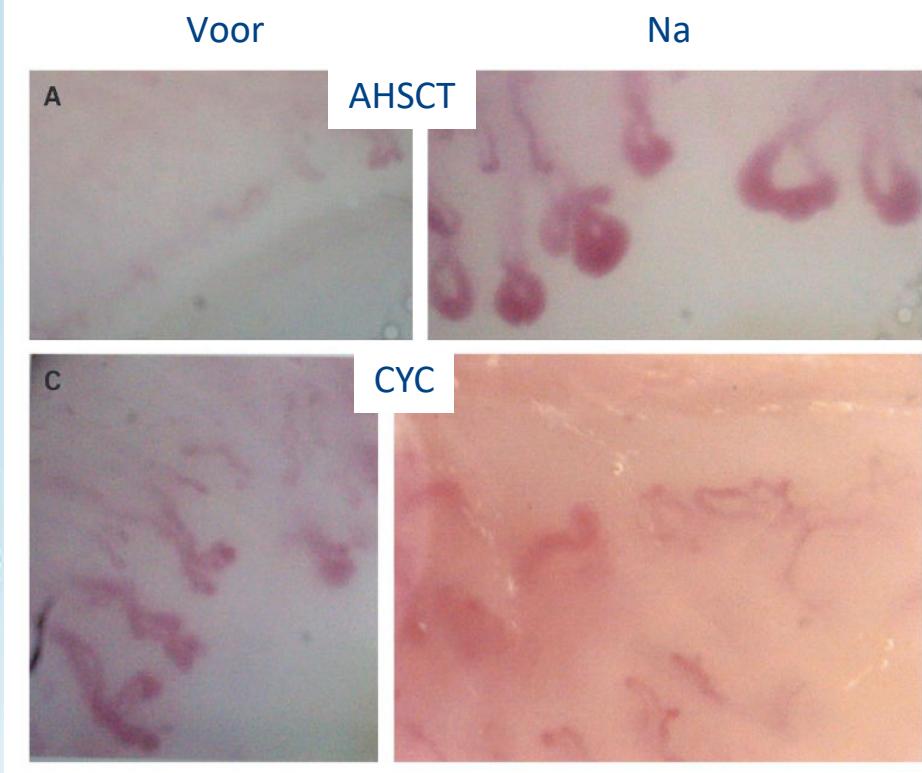
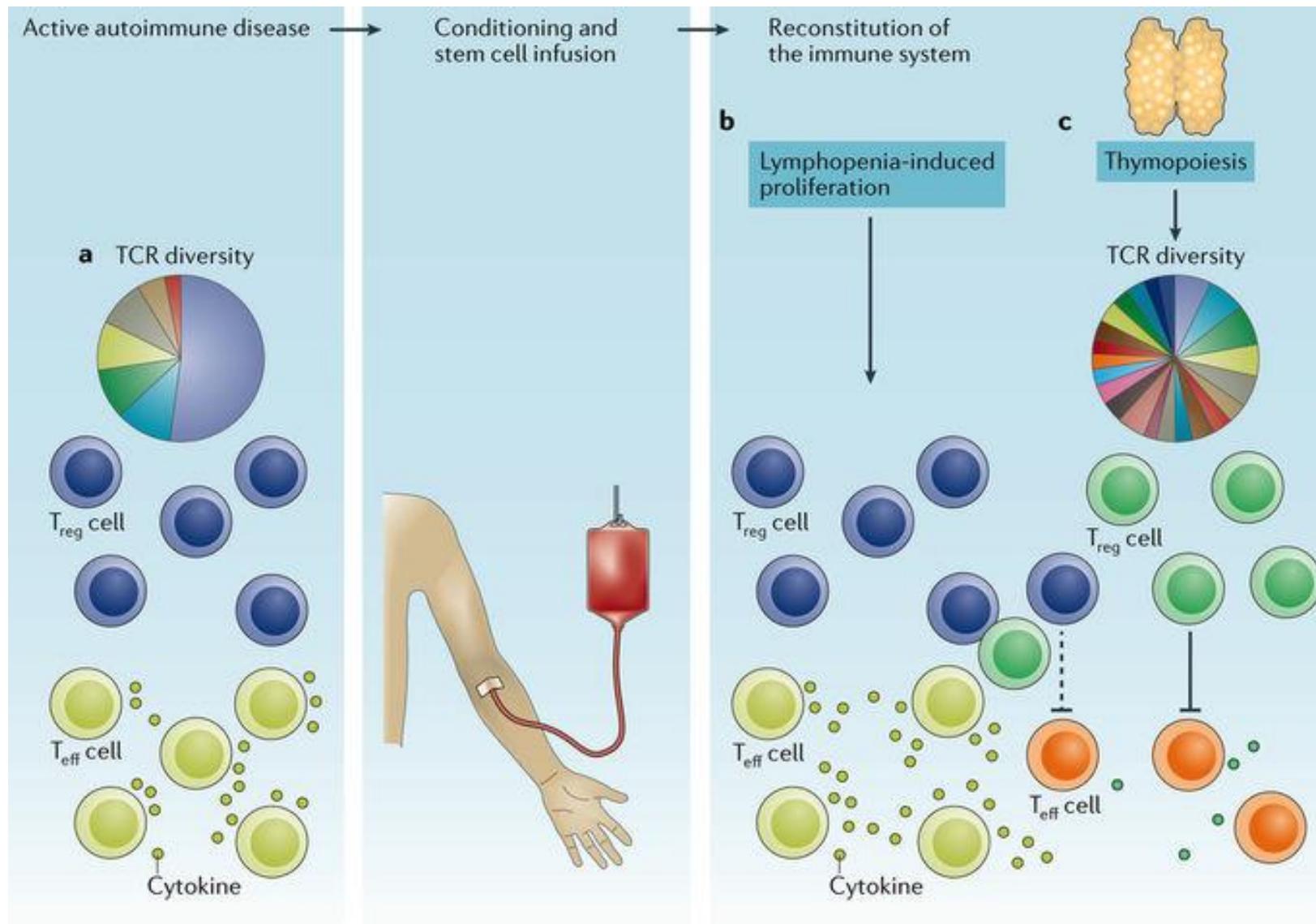
Immuun balans

## Immunsuppressiva



Onderdrukken  
immuunsysteem

# Regeneratie van immuunsysteem & microcirculatie



Miniati et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2009

Swart et al. Nat Rev Rheumatol 2017

# Patiënt selectie

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**Which patients  
benefit most?**

**Who has high risk of  
complications?**

**How to support decision  
making?**

# Welke patiënten hebben het meest effect?

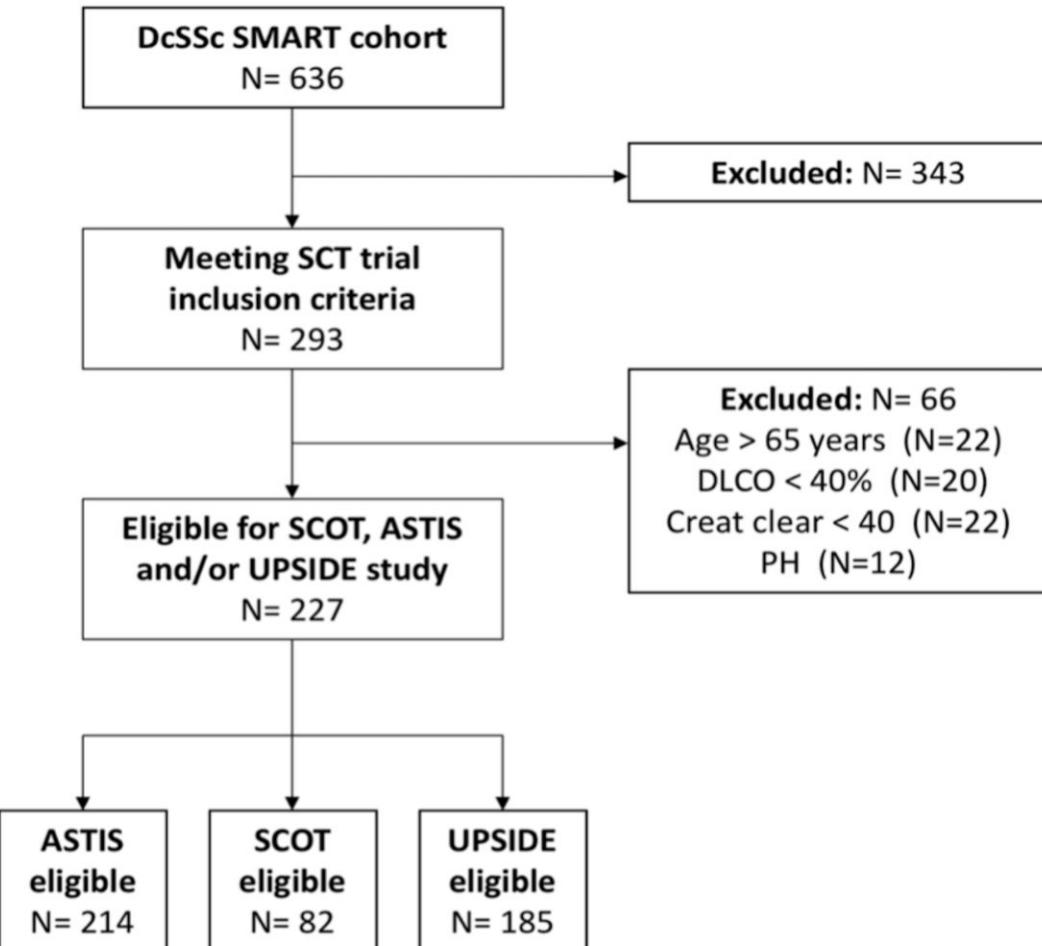
INCLUSION CRITERIA		
	ASTIS	SCOT
<b>Age</b>	18 - 65	18 - 69
<b>Early disease</b>	$\leq 4$ yrs	$\leq 4$ yrs
<b>mRSS</b>	$\geq 15$	$\geq 16$
<b>Organ involvement</b>	lung, kidney, heart	lung, kidney
<b>Prognostic factors</b>	ESR >25mm/h, Hb <11g/dl	

# Trial criteria selecteren hoog risico patiënten

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- Analyse Royal Free Hospital SSc cohort
- N=227 patiënten voldeden aan studiecriteria,  
maar anders behandeld.

	2 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs	15 yrs
<b>Event free survival</b>	78%	66%	51%	37%
<b>Overall survival</b>	96%	88%	73%	61%



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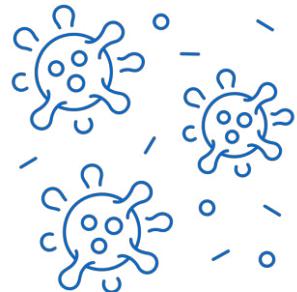
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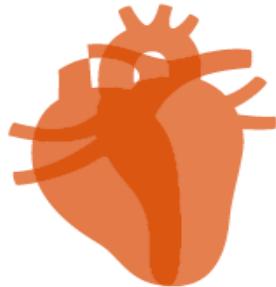
# Ernstige complicaties



## Infecties

*EBV, CMV*

*opportunistische infecties*



## Cardiaal

*CYC toxiciteit*

*Sepsis*

*volume overbelasting*

## Cytokine storm (ATG)

*ARDS*

*Neurologische symptomen*

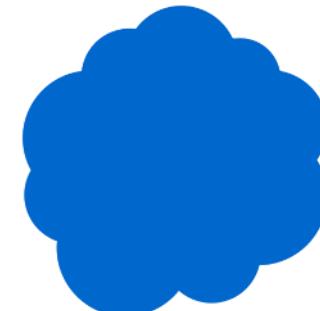


## Maligniteit

*Lymphoproliferatief*

*Leukemie / MDS*

*Blaascarcinoom*

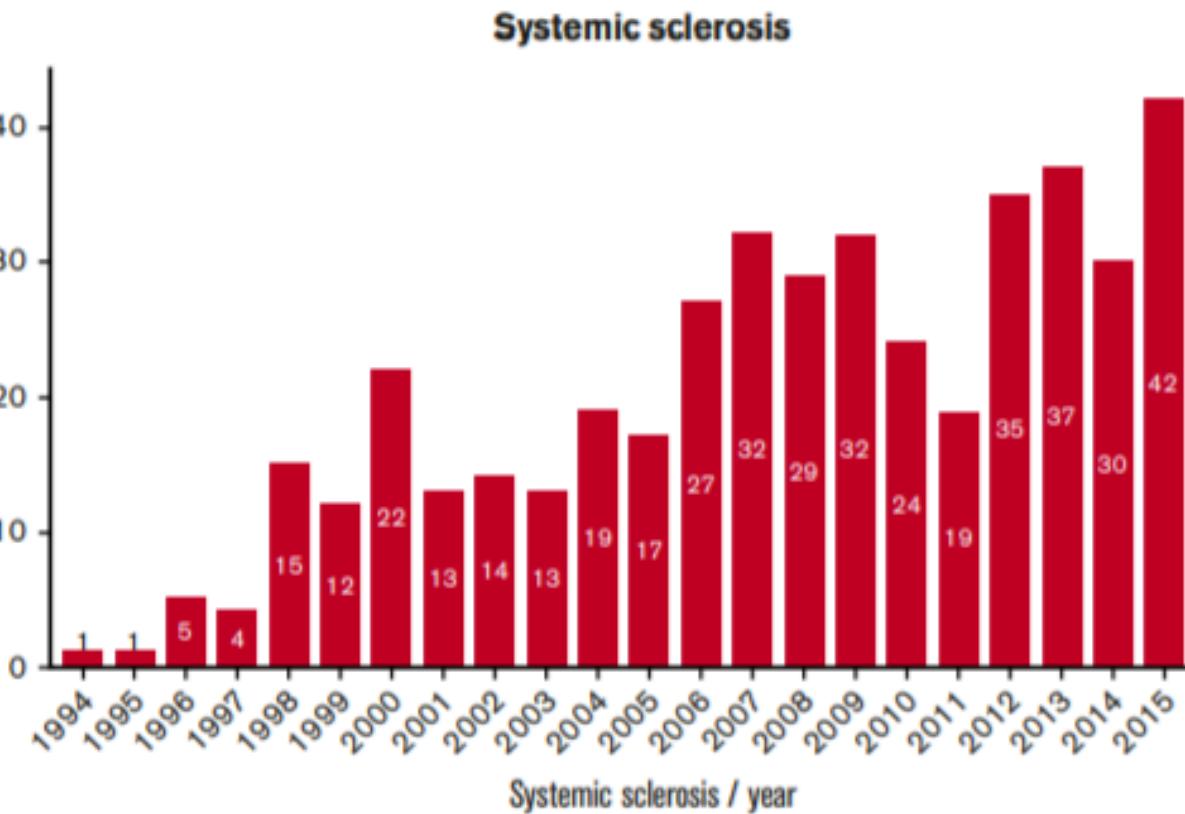


# Welke patiënten hebben hoog risico op complicaties?

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EXCLUSION CRITERIA	ASTIS	SCOT
<b>Age</b>	>65 yrs	>70 yrs
<b>Pulmonary hypertension</b>	mPAP >50mmHg	mPAP>30mmHg
<b>Cardiac function</b>	<45%	<50%
<b>Lung function</b>	DLCO<40%	FVC <45% DLCO<40%
<b>Kidney function</b>	Creat clearance < 40ml/min	
<b>Infection</b>	Any infection	
<b>CYC history</b>	> 5gr iv	> 6 iv courses

# Meer ervaring en betere selectie = betere uitkomsten



Pre-transplant screening & supportive care



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# Educatie & begeleiding

- Keuze hulp
- Peer support
- Post transplantatie



Spierings et al. Rheumatology 2020  
Spierings et al. J Scleroderma Relat Disord. 2020

## Treatments for systemic sclerosis

In systemic sclerosis, four immunosuppressive treatments aiming to stop disease progression are commonly used. The choice of treatment depends on your personal situation and preferences. This leaflet can be used to support the decision making process with your doctor.

### 1. Methotrexate

Once a week tablets or subcutaneous injections

Don't use in case of: infection, moderate or severe liver or kidney disease, bone marrow disease or extensive lung fibrosis. Don't use during pregnancy.



Expected effect  
after 3 months.

### 2. Mycophenolate mofetil (Cellcept)

Three to six tablets daily

Don't use in case of: infection or bone marrow disease. Don't use during pregnancy.



Expected effect  
after 3 months.

### 3. Cyclophosphamide (Endoxan)

Monthly infusion on daycare unit

Don't use in case of: infection, moderate or severe liver or kidney disease, bone marrow disease or heart failure. Don't use during pregnancy. Please discuss family planning with your doctor prior to start of this therapy.



Expected effect  
after 3 to 6 months

### 4. Autologous stem cell transplantation

Approximately 6 weeks hospital admission

Don't use: when older than 65 years or if there is: infection, moderate or severe liver or kidney disease, bone marrow disease, extensive lung fibrosis or heart failure. Don't use during pregnancy. Please discuss family planning with your doctor prior to start of this therapy.



Expected effect  
in weeks to months

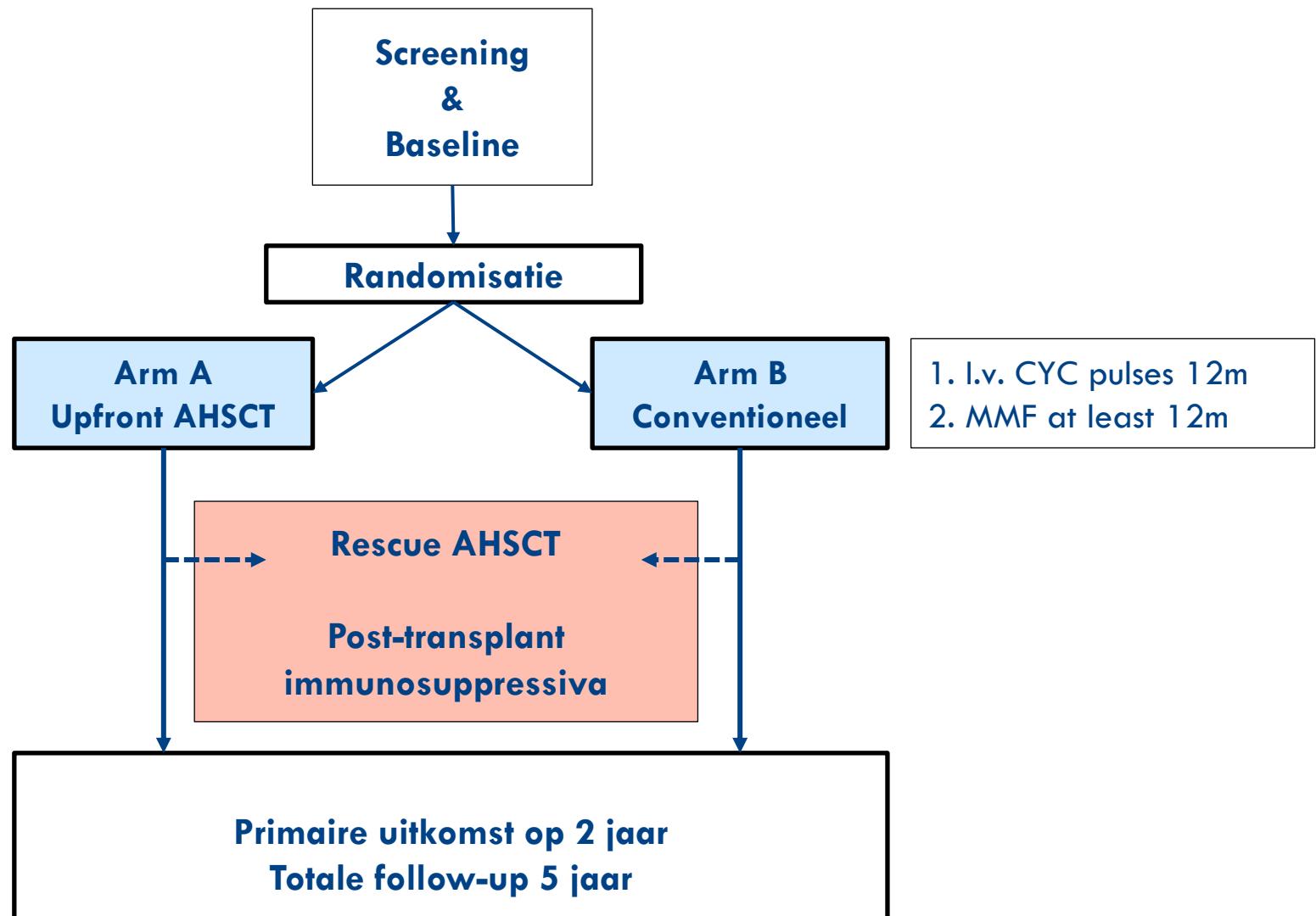
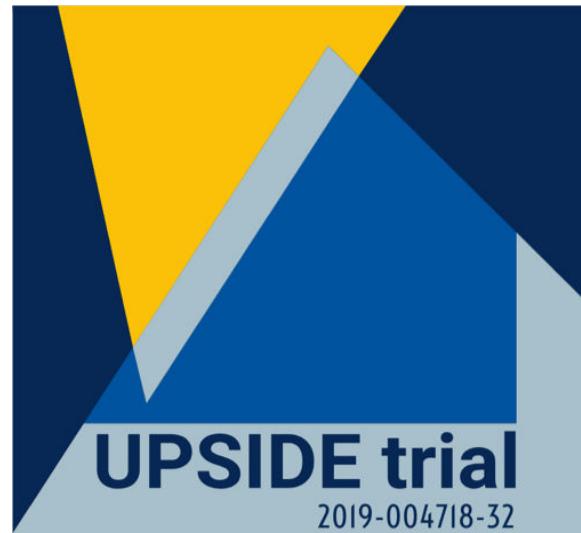
# Wat is de beste timing van stamceltransplantatie?

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## Vroeg of laatste redmiddel?

- > Complicaties?
- > Effect?
- > Kosten?
- > Overbehandeling?





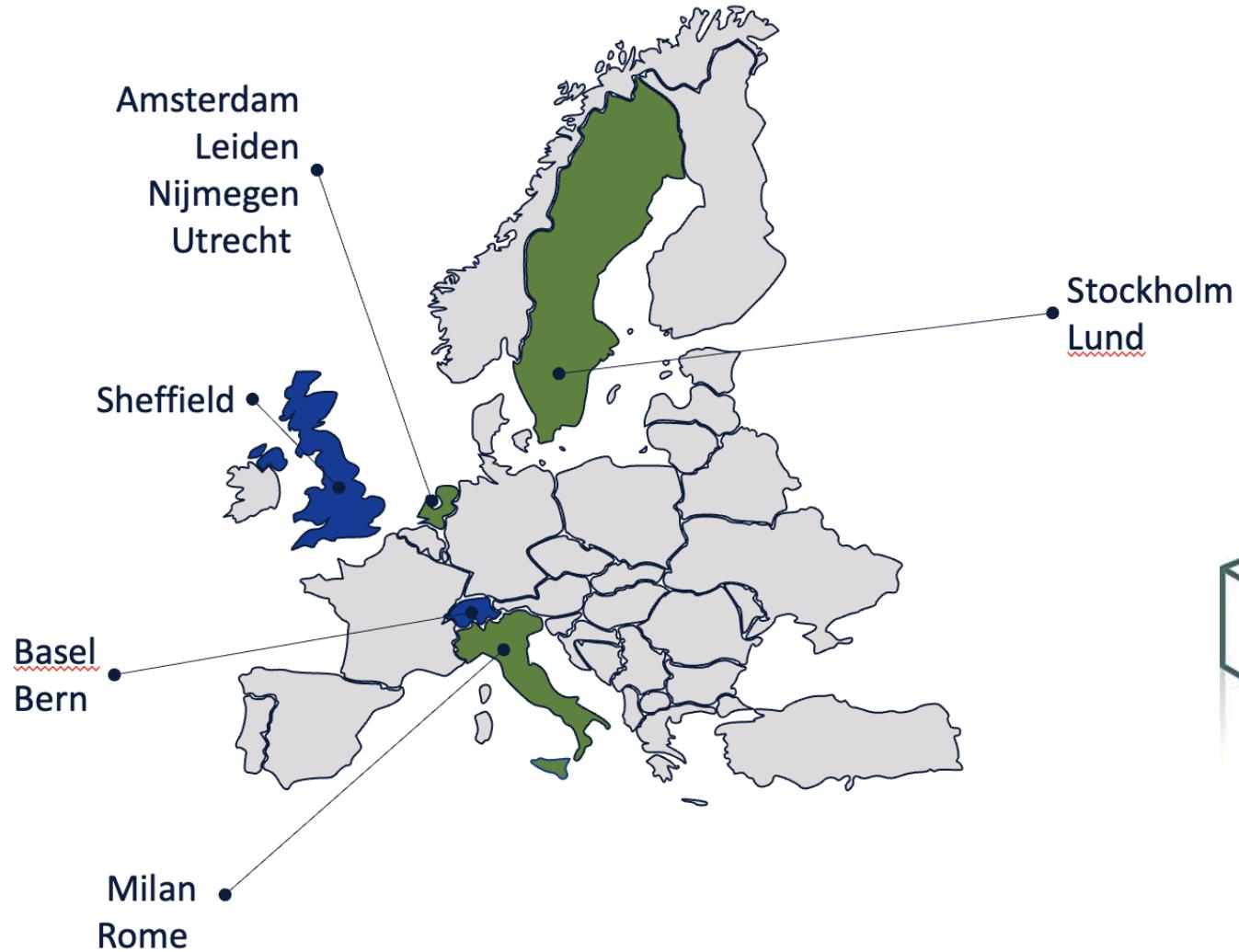
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## Inclusie criteria

- Leeftijd  $\leq$  65 jaar
- Diffuse cutane systemische sclerose
- Ziekteduur  $\leq$  3 jaar
  - mRSS  $\leq$  15 **OF** orgaanbetrokkenheid
  - mRSS  $\leq$  10 **EN** ATA/ARA+ **OF** CRP/BSR++
- CYC naïef /  $\leq$  12 maanden DMARDs

# Internationale samenwerking

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## Huidig consortium

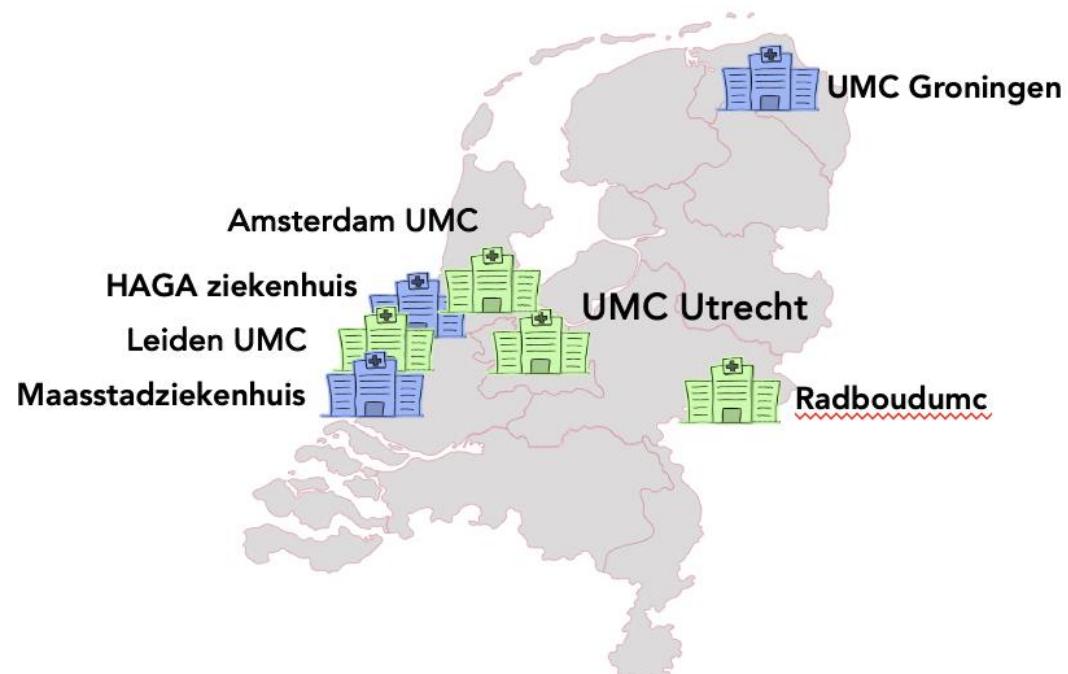
- 5 landen
- 11 centra



# Nationale samenwerking

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- Maandelijks online studiemeeting met casusbespreking
- Door nieuwe regelgeving kan behandeling arm B in eigen ziekenhuis
- Aandacht voor studie tijdens ARCH (regio) overleg



Open studie centrum



Aangesloten bij UPSIDE studie team



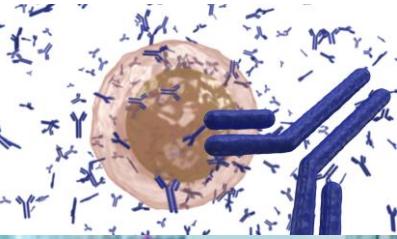
# Substudies

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- Werking mechanisme
- Farmacokinetiek
- Voorspellers voor respons
- Effect dagelijks leven

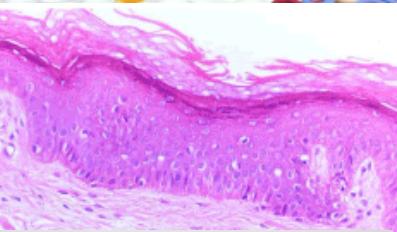
## Mechanismen

- Autoantilichamen/celsubsets
  - Farmacokinetiek ATG
    - Huid
    - Urine
  - Microbioom



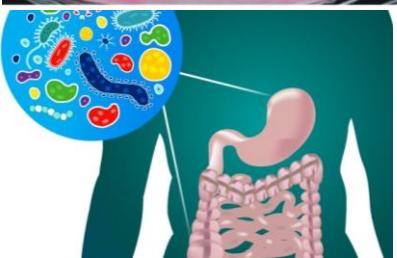
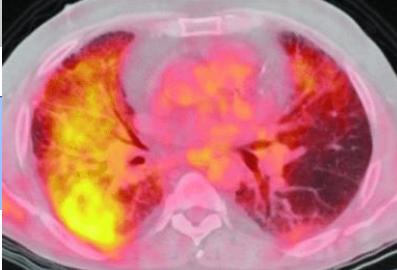
## Orgaansystemen

- Longen
- Hart
- Microcirculatie

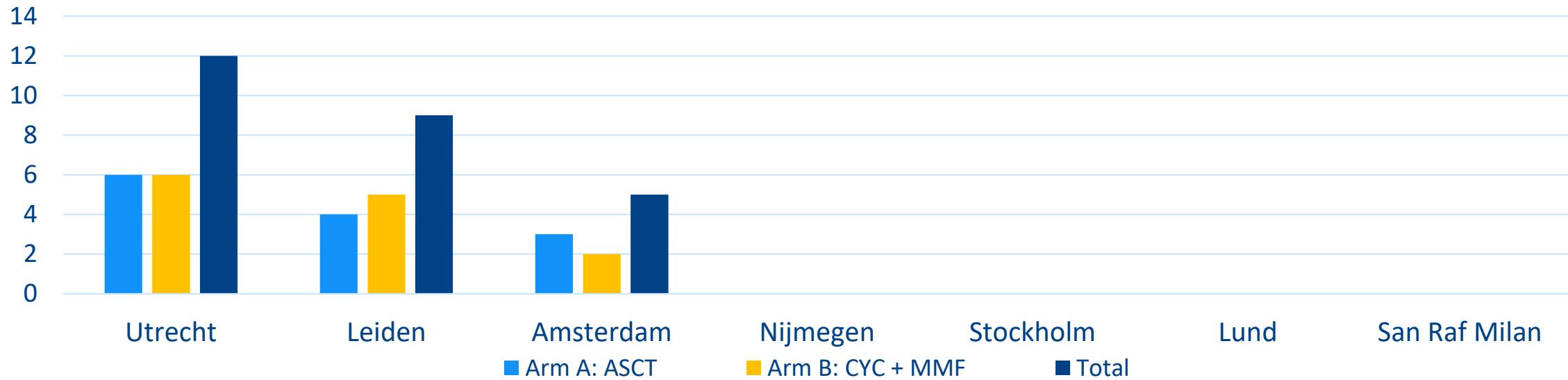


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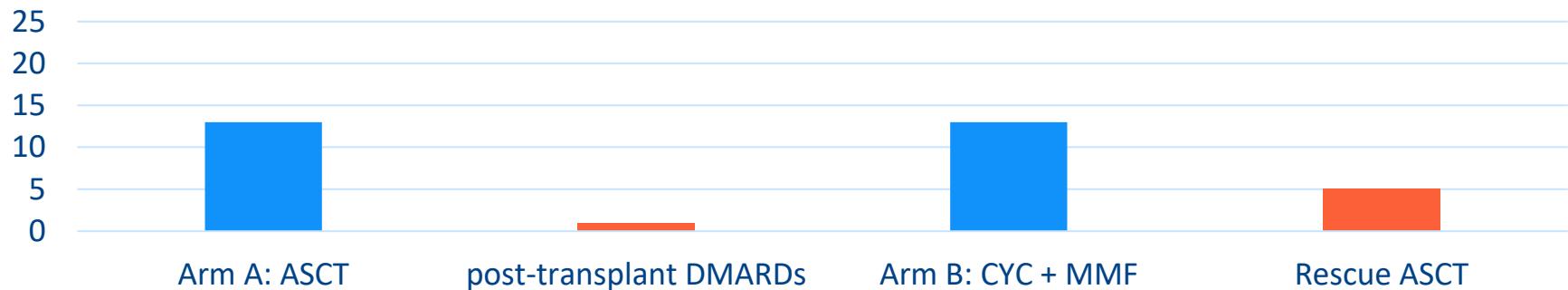
- Handmobiliteit
- Seksuele gezondheid
  - Werk
  - Vermoeidheid



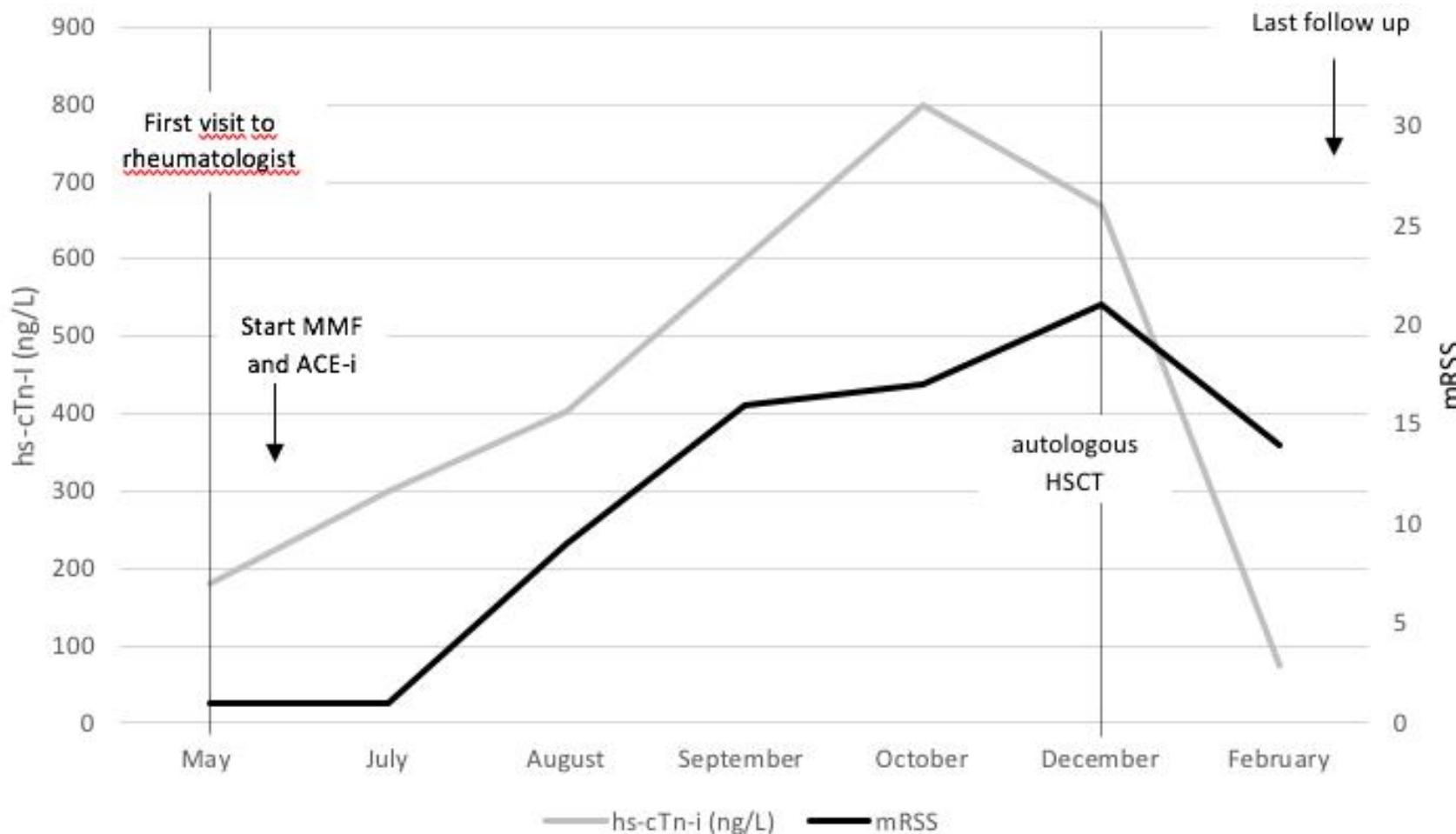
# Hoe gaat het?



## Randomisatie & therapie



# CASUS



## Eerste 12m na ASCT

- EBV > PTLD > Rituximab
- Aspergillus longen

## Na 3 jaar:

- mRSS 2
- Raynaud+
- Geen andere klachten
- Volledig terug aan het werk

# SSc team care & research



# DANK!

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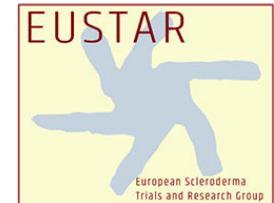


## Patienten

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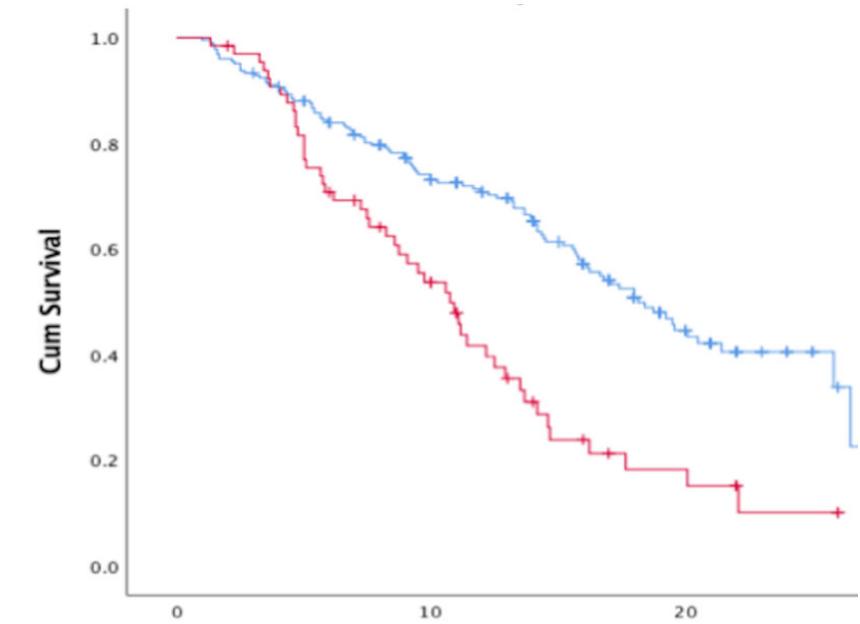
# Patienten uitgesloten voor AHSCT hebben slechtste prognose

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- Royal Free Hospital SSc cohort
- Exclusie (n=66) obv leeftijd (>65), DLCO (<40%) of pulmonale hypertensie

## Event Free Survival

*Kaplan-Meier estimated survival curve*



## Numbers at risk

Follow-up (yrs)	0	2	5	10	15	20	25
Excluded	65	63	49	27	9	5	1
Eligible	226	217	192	135	88	35	6

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optimaal worden behandeld?



4.  
Wat is de plaats van patient-reported outcome measures bij de behandeling van patiënten met reumatische aandoeningen in de spreekkamer?

8.  
Wat is de optimale behandelstrategie (medicamenteus en niet-medicamenteus) van axiale en perifere spondyloarthritis?

1.  
Welk algoritme van testen is van toegevoegde waarde op de huidige praktijkvoering voor het vaststellen van de diagnose reuscelarteriitis en monitoring van ziekteactiviteit bij patiënten met deze ziekte?

5.  
Welk instrument is het meest geschikt om in de klinische praktijk ziekteactiviteit bij spondyloarthritis te meten?

9.  
Is het zinvol om patiënten met artralgie (zonder artritis) die at risk zijn om reumatoïde artritis te ontwikkelen, te behandelen met DMARDs? En zo ja, bij welke patiënten is dit zo en met welke DMARD ga je dan behandelen?

2.  
Welke voor andere ziekten bestaande behandelingen zijn effectief en veilig bij artrose en is er een relatie tussen de mate van effectiviteit van deze behandeling en de verschillende fenotypes?

6.  
Hoe kunnen patiënten met progressieve diffuse cutane systemische sclerose die niet in aanmerking komen voor stamceltransplantatie optimaal worden behandeld?

10.  
Wat is de optimale interdisciplinaire stepped care benadering van pijn en/of vermoeidheid bij patiënten met reumatische ziekten?

3.  
Welke klinische en biologische markers voorspellen de behandelrespons in reumatoïde arthritis?

7.  
Wat is de plaats van gecombineerde leefstijl interventies bij reumatische aandoening?

### Uitdagingen

- Systemische auto-immuunziekten zijn zeldzaam
- Kostenbesparing aantonen

### Relevantiecriteria (1)

#### Doelmatigheidswinst

- Gezondheidswinst
- Volume
- Potentiële kostenbesparing



Wegen het zwaarste in de beoordeling

#### Urgentie

- Toegevoegde waarde
- Praktijkvariatie

