The Section receives many more referrals than can be seen each month so a priority is given to patients with inflammatory conditions. Patients with elevated inflammatory markers and/or positive serologies for RA, lupus, vasculitis, and scleroderma receive first priority. Laboratory tests such as rheumatoid factor and anti CCP for RA, ANA and other lupus serologies such as anti RNP, anti DSDNA, anti SSA and SSB help us to assess the urgency of the referral. In addition to faxed office notes, a short note from the referring provider about the reason for referral is very helpful. Fax number 203-785-7053.