such as limited or diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis or systemic lupus erythematosus.

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A comparison of the views of rheumatologists, general practitioners and patients on the treatment of osteoarthritis

Sir, Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common form of joint disease and is an almost universal problem in people aged over 65 yr [1, 2]. Current management remains largely symptomatic [3] and involves a wide variety of options provided by a multitude of health professionals [4]. Given the number of professions involved in treatment and the importance of service provision for the successful management of chronic conditions [5], it is perhaps surprising that there is very