



# ESCLERODERMIA

## Formas clínicas de presentación y características clinico-biológicas

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# DISCUSSIONI

## ANATOMICO-PRATICHE

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**Carlo Curzio, 1753  
Medico Napolitano**

**ESCLEROSIS**

**SISTÉMICA**

**PROGRESIVA**

**C.R.E.S.T.**

**ESCLEROD**

**ESCLEROD**

Anti topoisomerasa I

**MORFEA**

**Síndrome de**

**C.R.E.S.T.**

**Calcinosis**

**A LOCALIZADA**

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**A**

**RO**

**PRIMARIO**

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**Sistémica**

**SIAS**

# **ESCLERODERMIA. Criterios de clasificación**

## **CRITERIO MAYOR**

Esclerodermia proximal

## **CRITERIOS MENORES**

Esclerodactilia

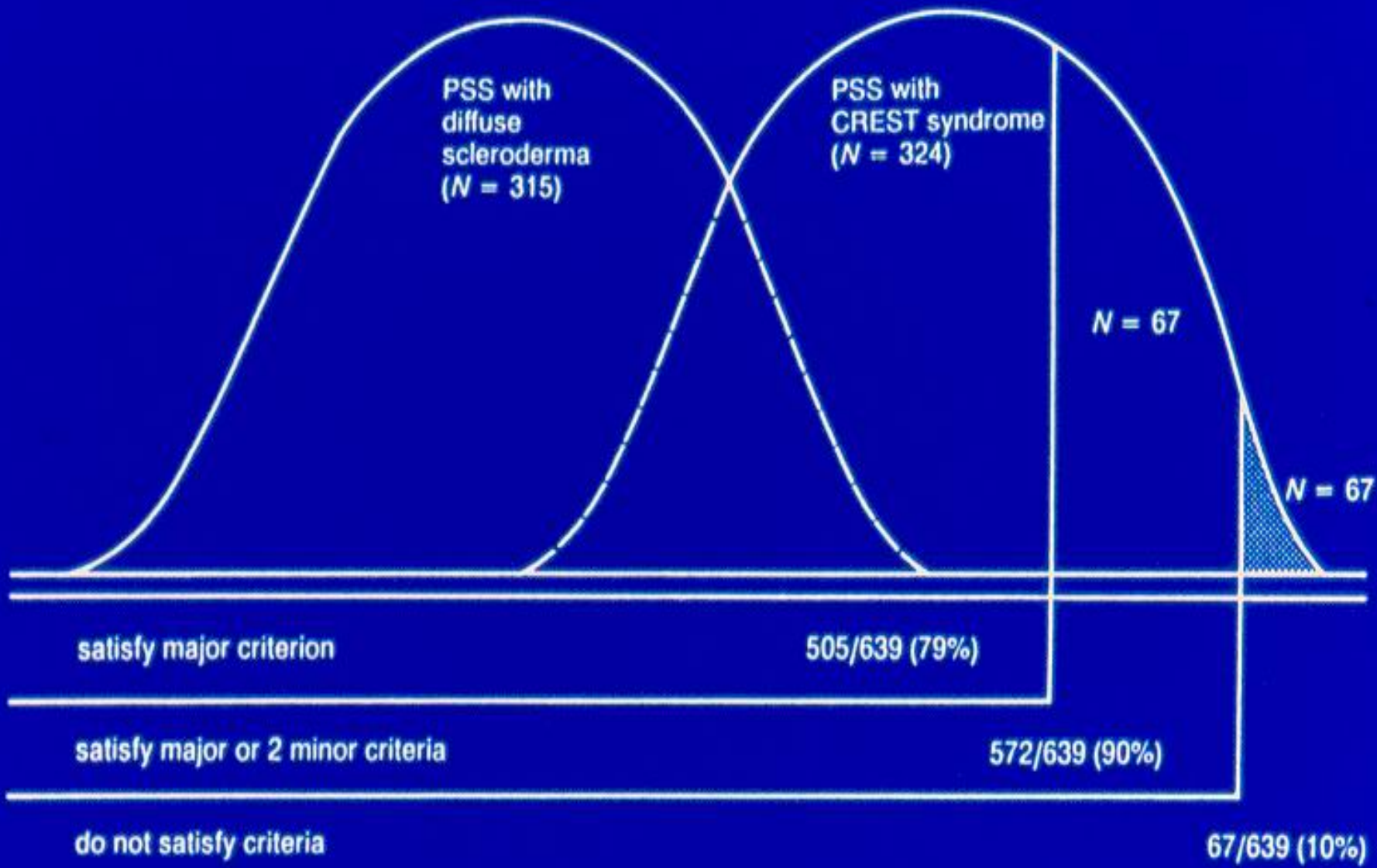
Cicatrices puntiformes en el pulpejo de los dedos

Fibrosis pulmonar bilateral

## **DIAGNÓSTICO**

Criterio mayor o

Dos o más de menores



# Classification Criteria for Systemic Sclerosis Subsets

SINDHU R. JOHNSON, BRIAN M. FELDMAN, and GILLIAN A. HAWKER

*J Rheumatol* 2007;34:1855–63

Table 1. Classification of systemic sclerosis subsets.

Study	Classification Scheme	Number of Citations
Barnett <sup>36</sup>	3 subsets: limited, moderate, extensive, based on skin involvement of the fingers only, limbs and face, and involvement of the trunk, respectively	66
Ferri <sup>30</sup>	4 subsets: sine scleroderma SSc: absence of cutaneous involvement with visceral involvement, NC changes and autoantibodies; limited cutaneous: skin involvement of fingers with or without involvement of neck, face, and axillae; intermediate cutaneous: skin involvement of upper and lower limbs, neck and face without truncal involvement, diffuse cutaneous: distal and truncal skin involvement	52
Giordano <sup>28</sup>	6 subsets: I: sclerodactyly only; II: sclerodactyly and skin involvement of neck, lower eyelid, or axillae; III: skin involvement of hands and forearms ± legs ± face; IV: group III and arm and/or thigh skin involvement; V: group III and thorax; VI: group III and/or IV and/or V plus the abdomen	121
Goetz <sup>22</sup>	3 subsets: limited: skin involvement of fingers, face, neck, axillae; intermediate: skin involvement proximal to fingers; diffuse: truncal skin involvement	121
Holzmann <sup>53</sup>	2 subsets: acrosclerosis and diffuse: based on skin thickening limited to extremities or includes trunk	227
LeRoy <sup>25</sup>	5 subsets (Types I–IV) based on presence/absence of RP, sclerosis, extracutaneous manifestations, ANA	10
LeRoy <sup>25</sup>	2 subsets: diffuse cutaneous SSc: onset of RP within 1 year; truncal and acral skin involvement; tendon friction rubs; early incidence of ILD, renal failure, diffuse GI disease, myocardial involvement; absence of ACA, abnormal ND; limited cutaneous SSc: RP for years, skin involvement limited to hands, face, feet, forearms or absent; late incidence of PAH, trigeminal neuralgia, calcinosis, telangiectasia; high incidence of ACA, abnormal NC	877
LeRoy and Medsger <sup>41</sup>	4 subsets: limited SSc (LSSc) consists of (1) objective RP plus any one of NC changes or SSc selective autoantibodies OR (2) subjective RP plus both NC changes and SSc selective autoantibodies; limited cutaneous SSc (lcSSc): criteria for LSSc plus distal cutaneous changes; diffuse cutaneous (dcSSc): criteria for lcSSc plus proximal cutaneous changes; diffuse fasciitis with eosinophilia: proximal cutaneous changes without criteria for LSSc or lcSSc	46
Maricq <sup>6</sup>	6 subsets: diffuse, intermediate, digital, scleroderma sine scleroderma, undifferentiated connective tissue disease with scleroderma, CREST syndrome	3
Masi <sup>43</sup>	3 subsets: digital: skin involvement of fingers or toes but not proximal extremity or trunk; proximal extremity: proximal extremities or face but not trunk; truncal: thorax or abdomen	42
Rodnan <sup>2</sup>	3 subsets: classical disease involving skin of the trunk, face and proximal extremities, and early involvement of esophagus, intestine, heart, lung and kidney; CREST syndrome; and overlap syndromes including sclerodermatomyositis and mixed connective tissue disease	79
Scussel-Lonzetti <sup>39</sup>	4 subsets: normal skin, limited: skin involvement restricted to fingers, with RP, calcinosis, esophageal involvement and telangiectasia; intermediate: skin involvement of arms proximal to metacarpophalangeal but not trunk; diffuse: skin involvement of the trunk	1
Tuffanelli and Winkelmann <sup>25</sup>	2 subsets: acrosclerosis: RP, acral skin involvement; diffuse SSc: no RP, skin involvement beginning centrally	42
Winterbauer <sup>23</sup>	CRST syndrome: calcinosis, RP, sclerodactyly, telangiectasia	176

RP: Raynaud's phenomenon; NC: nailfold capillary; ILD: interstitial lung diseases; GI: gastrointestinal; ACA: anticentromere antibodies; PAH: pulmonary arterial hypertension; LSSc: limited SSc.

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## Limited/unclassifiable/pre-SSc

- Raynaud's phenomenon objectively documented as well as *either* abnormal widefield nailfold capillaroscopy *or* SSc-selective autoantibodies (anticentromere antibodies, anti-topoisomerase I, antifibrillin, anti-PM-Scl, anti-RNA polyisomerase I or III)
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# ESCLEROSIS SISTEMICA: CLASIFICACION Y SUBTIPOS SEGUN UN ANALISIS DE LOS FACTORES PRONOSTICOS.

Carmen P. Simeón  
Tesis Doctoral, 1991

2.- La magnitud de la afección cutánea permite distinguir dos grupos de enfermos con características clínicas y pronósticas homogéneas: 1) ES difusa: esclerosis cutánea proximal a codos y rodillas. 2) ES limitada: esclerosis cutánea distal a codos y rodillas.

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F. Raynaud > 5 a.  
Afección cutánea distal  
Telangiectasias, calcinosis  
afección digestiva.HTP  
Dilatación capilar  
AAcentrómero (60-80%)



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Afección visceral temprana  
Pérdida capilar  
Anti-Scl 70 (25-30%)



# Cutaneous SSc Subsets and Clinical-epidemiologic features of the 916 Spanish patients with SSc

Disease manifestations	LcSSc (%)	DcSSc (%)
Number patients n (%)	562 (61.4%)	243 (26.5%)
Ratio Female: Male	8:1	4.6:1 <sup>b</sup>
Age at onset (yrs)	45:97±15.57	43.99±15.32
Age at diagnosis (yrs)	53.36 ±14.41	46.76±15.51 <sup>b*</sup>
Time onset-diagnosis (yrs)	7.37± 9.7	2.84± 5.96 <sup>b*</sup>
ACR criteria fulfilled	367 (65.3) <sup>a*</sup>	243 (100) <sup>b</sup>
RP	533 (94.8)	215 (88.5) <sup>b</sup>
Digital Ulcers	219 (39)	155 (63.8) <sup>b*</sup>
Telangiectasias	207 (36.8)	90 (37)
Calcinosis	111 (19.8)	57 (23.5)
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Tendon Friction Rubs	14 (2.5)	28 (11.5)	< 0.0001
Acroosteolysis	46 (8.2)	37 (19.2)	0.0004
Digestive involvement	392 (69.8)	195 (80.2)	0.002
Oesophagus	322 (57.2)	173 (71.2)	<0.0001
Gastric	60 (10.7)	41 (16.9)	0.02
Malabsortion	9 (1.6)	13 (5.34)	0.004
PBC	24 (4.2)	0 (0)	<0.0001
Lung involvement	315 (56)	197 (81.1)	< 0.0001
Dyspnea	169 (30)	136 (56)	< 0.0001
ILD	221 (39.3)	170 (70)	< 0.0001
FVC ≤ 70%	70 (12.3)	87 (35.8)	< 0.0001
FVC (%) (mean ± SD)	90.72±22.69	74.93±22	< 0.0001
DLCO/VA (%) (mean ± SD)	76.45±23.16	74.84±22	ns
Ground-glass	62 (11)	77 (31.68)	< 0.0001
Reticular pattern	84 (13.0)	92 (38)	< 0.0001

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Predomina la forma limitada

La relación mujer/varón es diferente entre los 2 subtipos

El tiempo que transcurre desde el comienzo de la enfermedad hasta el diagnóstico es mayor en la forma limitada

En la forma limitada sólo un 65,3% cumplen los Criterios ACR

Las afecciones osteomuscular, digestiva, pulmonar, cardíaca y renal predominan en la forma difusa, con algunas peculiaridades como la exclusividad de la cirrosis biliar primaria en la forma limitada

El porcentaje de mortalidad es mayor en la forma difusa

Death	66 (11.7)	63 (26)	< 0.0001
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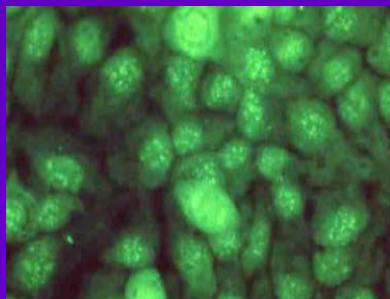
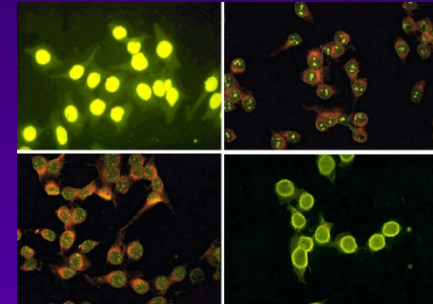
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## ESC sine esclerodermia

Fenómeno de Raynaud +/-  
Afección visceral  
AANs específicos  
Sin afección cutánea



## Pre-esclerodermia

Fenómeno de Raynaud  
Úlceras digitales +/-  
Alts. Capilaroscópicas  
AANs específicos

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LcSSc      dcSSc      ssSSc      preSSc      total

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Ratio Female: Male	8:1	4.6:1 <sup>c</sup>	8.8:1	17.5:1	7:1
Age at onset	<b>Pre-esclerodermia</b>				
Age at diagnosis	5.02±15.23				
Time onset-	<b>Predominan las mujeres</b>				
ACR criteria	.16± 9.07				
First manifest	<b>La edad de comienzo y la del diagnóstico son menores que las de los otros subtipos</b>				
RP	620 (67.7)				
Puffy hands	<b>El fenómeno de Raynaud está siempre presente y sólo ocasionalmente las otras manifestaciones</b>				
Arthralgia	678 (83.6)				
Skin sclerosis	13 (1.6)				
RP	50 (6.2)				
Digital Ulcer	<b>Los AANs son siempre positivos y en la mayoría ACA +</b>				
Telangiectasia	50 (6.2)				
Calcinosis	<b>En la capilaroscopia predomina el patrón lento</b>				
ANA positive	49 (92.7)				
Scl70 positive	94 (43.0)				
ACA positive	54 (60.5)				
	74 (19.0)				
	40 (91.7)				
Scl70 positive	45 (9.4)	116 (52.7) <sup>b*c*</sup>	6 (9.5)	6 (18.8)	173 (18.9)
ACA positive	293 (58) <sup>a</sup>	17 (8.4) <sup>b*c*</sup>	27 (41.5)	19 (54.3)	356 (38.9)



# SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS SINE SCLERODERMA

Demographic, Clinical, and Serologic Features and Survival in Forty-Eight Patients

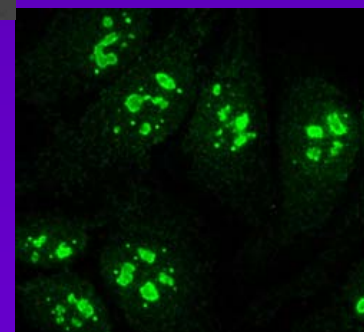
Poormoghim H et al. *Arthritis and Rheumatism*. 2000;43:444-51

Table 1. Summary of organ system involvement in 48 patients with systemic sclerosis sine scleroderma (ssSSc) and 507 patients with SSc and limited cutaneous involvement (lcSSc)\*

Organ system involvement	ssSSc	lcSSc	P
Peripheral vascular	47/48 (98)	502/507 (99)	NS
Articular	21/48 (44)	239/507 (47)	NS
Muscular	2/48 (4)	29/507 (6)	NS
Gastrointestinal	31/39 (79)	305/419 (73)	NS
Pulmonary	32/47 (68)	290/485 (60)	NS
Cardiac	4/45 (9)	41/472 (9)	NS
Renal	0/48 (0)	7/507 (1)	NS

\* Values are the number (%). NS = not significant.

Fenómeno de Raynaud +/-  
Afección visceral  
AANs específicos  
Sin afección cutánea



**Conclusion.** Systemic sclerosis sine scleroderma should be included in the spectrum of SSc with limited cutaneous involvement and should not be considered a distinct or separate disorder.

Clinical manifestations	a LcSSc (%)	b DcSSc (%)	c ssSSc (%)	p value a vs c	p value b vs c
Osteomuscular	318 (56.6)	154 (63.4)	36 (52.2)	ns	0.096
Arthritis	81 (14.4)	66 (27.2)	9 (13)	ns	0.016
Myositis	25 (4.4)	34 (14)	2 (2.9)	ns	0.09
Tendon Friction Rub				ns	0.008
Acroosteolysis				0.049	0.001
Digestive involvement				ns	ns
Oesophagus				0.05	<0.0001
Gastric				ns	ns
Malabsortion				ns	ns
PBC				ns	<0.0001
Lung involvement				0.020	< 0.094
Dyspnea				ns	ns
ILD				ns	< 0.0001
FVC ≤ 70%	70 (12.3)	87 (35.8)	115 (21.7)	0.091	0.042
FVC (%) (mean ± SD)	90.72±22.69	74.93±22	83.11±21.74	0.021	0.016
DLCO/VA (%) (mean ± SD)	76.45±23.16	74.84±22	70.07±18.29	0.091	ns
Ground-glass	62 (11)	77 (31.68)	9 (13.04)	ns	0.008
Reticular pattern	84 (13.0)	92 (38)	10 (14.9)	ns	<0.0001

Esclerodermia sine esclerodermia

Afección pulmonar  
(respecto a la forma limitada)

FVC ≤ 70%

FVC(%) media\*

DLCO

Clinical Manifestations	a LcSSc (%)	b DcSSc (%)	c ssSSc (%)	p value a vs c	p value b vs c
PAH	91 (16.2)	53 (21.8)	17 (24.6)	ns	ns
PAH isolated	30 (8.8)	10 (13.7)	3 (7.1)	ns	ns
PAPs (mmHg) (mean ± SD)	39.58±19.1	40.68±20.7	47.34±23.89	0.030	ns
PAPm (mean ± SD)				ns	ns
VTR (mean ± SD)				0.08	ns
Hearth involvement				0.004	0.015
Pericarditis				ns	ns
Ischemia				0.007	0.004
Conduction Alteration				ns	ns
SRC	4 (0.7)	19 (7.8)	1 (1.4)	ns	ns
Sicca Syndrome	211(37.5)	80 (33)	10 (14.5)	<0.0001	0.003
Death	66 (11.7)	63 (26)	6 (8.7)	ns	0.002

Esclerodermia sine esclerodermia

Afección pulmonar  
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FVC ≤ 70%  
FVC(%) media\*  
DLCO  
PAPs\*  
Afección cardíaca\*  
Síndrome seco\*

**Línea Esclerodermia (GEAS)**

# ESCLERODERMIA. Clasificación en subtipos

## Forma difusa

F. Raynaud < 1 a.

Afec. cutánea troncal y acra

Roces tendinosos

Afección visceral temprana

Pérdida capilar

Anti-Scl 70 (25-30%)



## Limitada

F. Raynaud > 5 a.

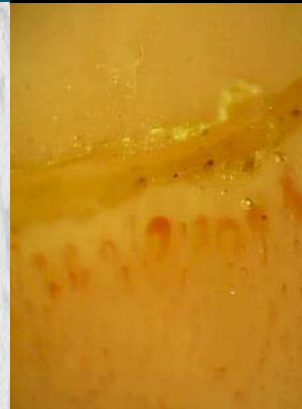
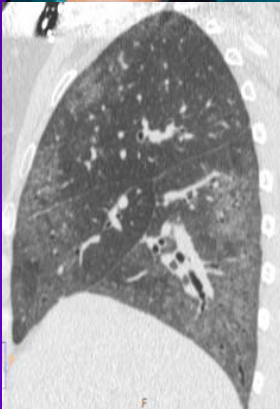
Afec. cutánea distal

Telangiectasias, a.diges.

Calcinosis, HTP

Dilatación capilar

AAcentrómero (60-80%)



## ESC sine esclerodermia

F. Raynaud +/-

Sin afección cutánea

Afección visceral

AANs específicos

## Pre-esclerodermia

Fenómeno de Raynaud

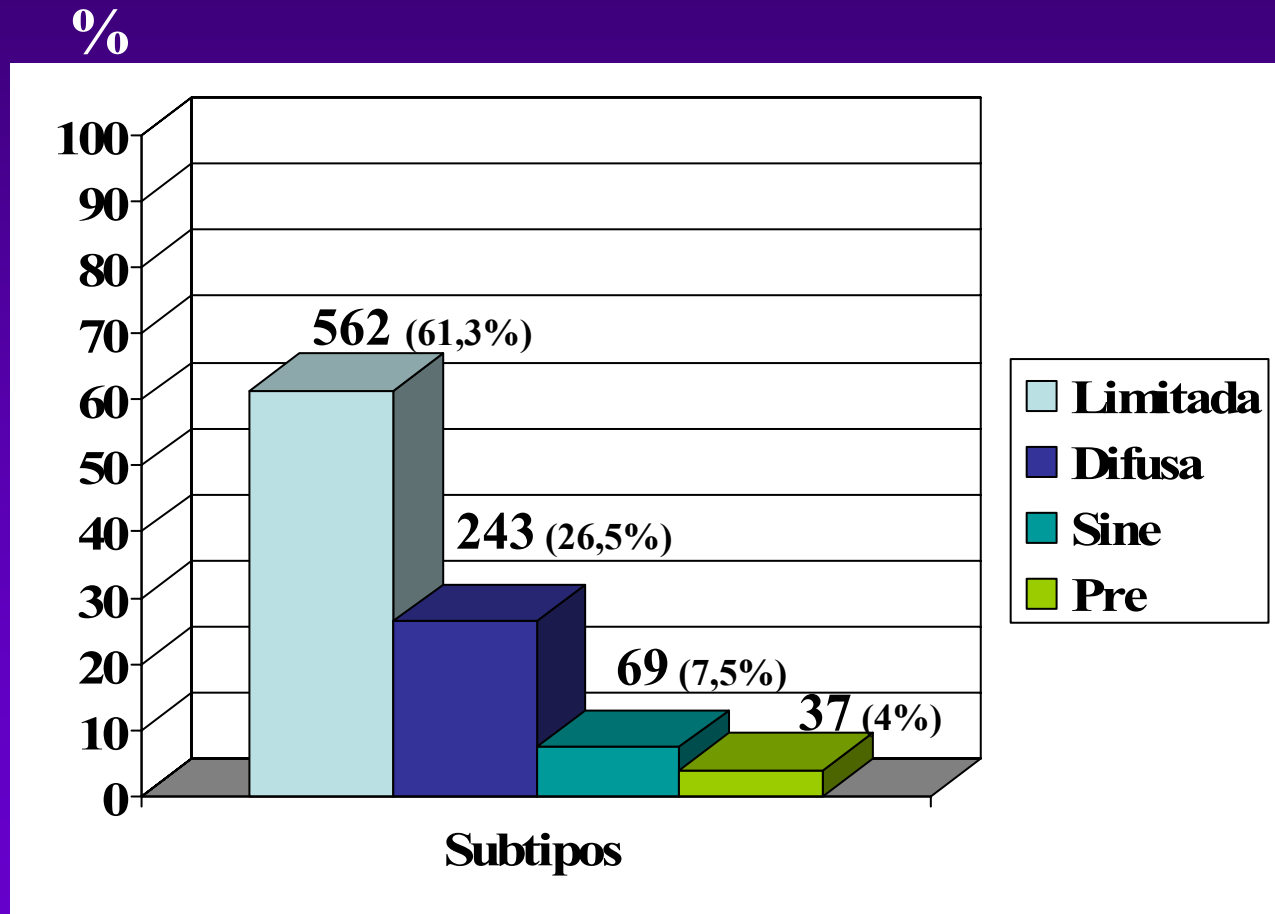
Alts. capilaroscópicas

Úlceras digitales

AANs específicos

# Características clínico-biológicas de una serie de 916 pacientes con esclerodermia: distribución según subtipos

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(Sociedad Española de Medicina Interna)

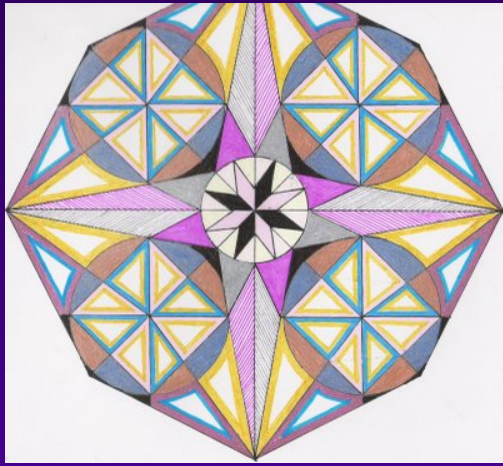


# Demographic and clinical characteristics of the 916 Spanish patients with SSc

Ratio Female: Male	7:1
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RP	849 (92.7)
Digital Ulcers	394 (43.0)
Telangiectasias	554 (60.5)
Calcinosis	174 (19.0)

Osteomuscular	518 (56,6)
Digestive involvement	639 (69,8)
Lung Involvement)	570 (62,2)
ILD	421 (46)
PAH + ILD	161 (17.6)
PAH isolate	43 (8,7)
Heart involvement	290 (31,7)
SRC	24 (2)
Sicca syndrome	306 (33,4)
Capillaroscopy	600 (65)
Slow	339 ( 57,3)
Active	199 (33.6)
Not especific	54 (9)
ANA positive	840 (91.7)
Scl70 positive	173 (18.9)
ACA positive	356 (38.9)
Death	138 (15)

Línea Esclerodermia (GEAS)



La esclerodermia:  
una enfermedad en calidoscopio



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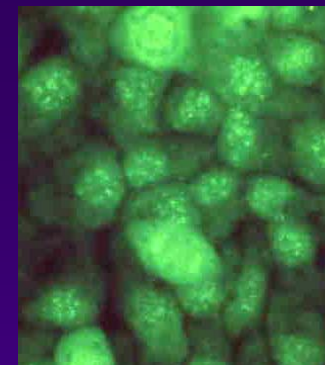
**Marzo 1990 (40 a.)**

F. Raynaud: larga evolución

Úlceras digitales

Capilaroscopia: Megacapilares

AANs: + 1/160 moteado, ACA +



**Diagnóstico: Pre-esclerodermia**

**Junio 1995 (45 a.)**

Úlceras digitales

Esclerodactilia

Hipomotilidad esofágica

AANs: 1/320 moteado, ACA+



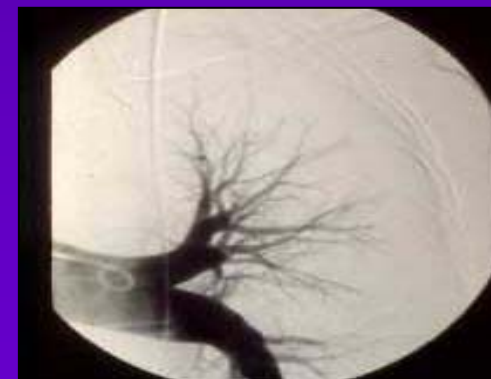
**Diagnóstico : Esclerodermia limitada**

**Abril 2000 (50 a.)**

Disnea progresiva,

ECO (abril 2000): PAPs 70 mmHg

Cateterismo: 84/40/55.



**Agosto 2000**

Disnea, ICD, hipotensión, oliguria,

Exitus (14/8/2000)

**Diag: Esclerodermia limitada – Hipertensión arterial pulmonar**



S.F.

1985 (42 a.)

F. Raynaud: larga evolución

Úlceras digitales/"Pitting"

Esclerodactilia / Telangiectasias

Hipomotilidad esofágica

Capilaroscopia: Dilataciones

Megacapilares

AANs: + 1/640 moteado, ACA +

Diag: Esclerodermia limitada

### Evolución

F. Raynaud

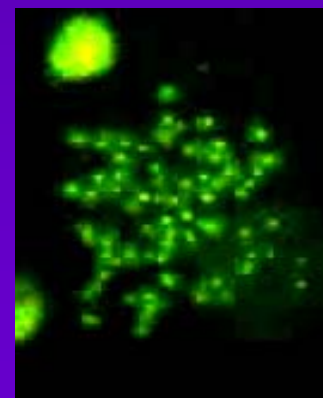
Úlceras digitales

Calcinosis

PFRs: normales

Eco-Doppler cardíaco: normal

Esclerodermia limitada: estable



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**1992 (39 a.)**

F. Raynaud: < 1 año

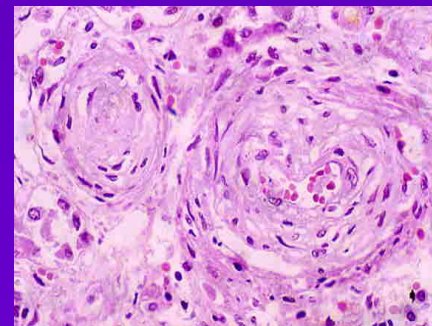
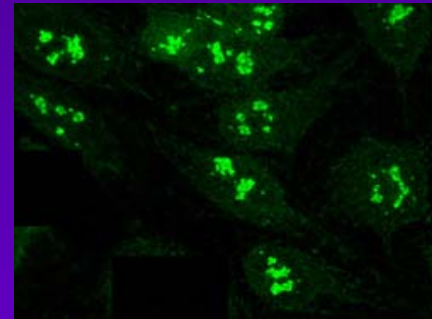
Endurecimiento cutáneo difuso

Hipomotilidad esofágica

Capilaroscopia: Pérdida capilar

AANs: + 1/1.280 nucleolar

**Diag: Esclerodermia difusa**



**1994 (41 a.)**

Hipertensión arterial maligna

Insuficiencia renal progresiva

Exitus

**Esclerodermia difusa:**

**Crisis renal esclerodérmica**

**E.P.**

**1986 (40 a.)**

F. Raynaud: < 3 año

Endurecimiento cutáneo difuso

Hipomotilidad esofágica

Capilaroscopia: Pérdida capilar

AANs: + 1/640 moteado

Acs. Anti-topoisomerasa 1 +

**Diag: Esclerodermia difusa**

**Evolución**

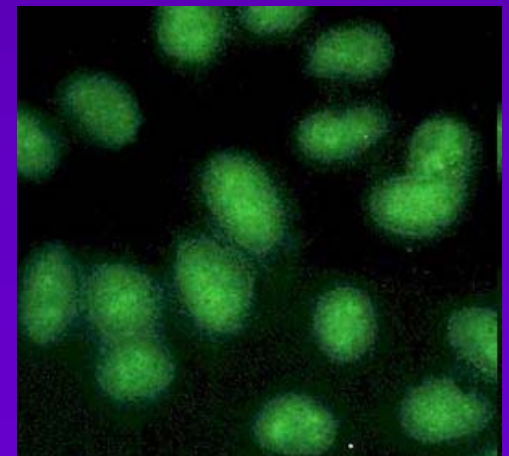
Reblandecimiento cutáneo troncular

Esclerodactilia / Retracciones

Úlceras digitales ocasionales

PFRs – Eco Doppler cardíaco: Normales

**Esclerodermia difusa: estable**



**L.T.**

**1989 (38 a.)**

F. Raynaud: < 3 año

Endurecimiento cutáneo difuso

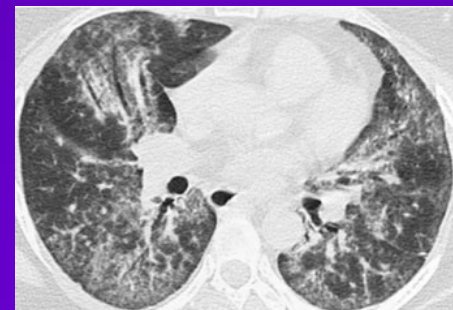
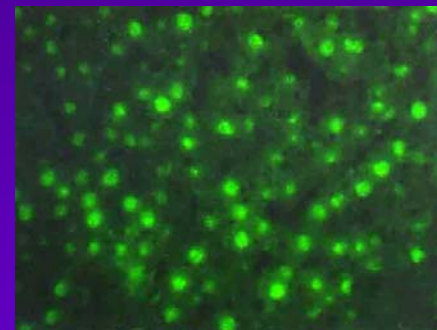
Úlceras digitales

Capilaroscopia: Pérdida capilar

AANs: + 1/640 moteado

Acs. Antitopoisomerasa +

**Diag: Esclerodermia difusa**



**1998 (47 a.)**

Disnea de esfuerzo

Fibrosis pulmonar

**2005 (54 a.)**

Insuficiencia respiratoria progresiva

Exitus

**Esclerodermia difusa: Fibrosis pulmonar**

# ESCLERODERMIA: ..en busca de.....

Clínico: difusa y limitada

Genético: polimorfismos

Vascular: capilaroscopia

Serológico: anticuerpos

A word cloud of medical terms related to scleroderma, including: Esclerodermia difusa, Esclerodermia limitada, Hipertensión pulmonar, Anti-topoisomerasa, Síndrome de Raynaud, Hemorragia capilar, Crisis renal, Anticuerpos, Fibrosis pulmonar, Síndrome de Sjögren, y Síndrome de Ménéziere.

The 670G>A polymorphism in the FAS gene promoter region influences the susceptibility to systemic sclerosis

Polymorphic Attenuation of Systemic Sclerosis in European Caucasian Patients

Association Between Systemic Sclerosis and Polymorphism at Genes with Susceptibility to Systemic Sclerosis

Association of Polymorphisms in the IL1B and CTGF Genes with Systemic Sclerosis: A Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism Analysis of Epistatic Interactions

Endothelin Axis Polymorphism in Systemic Sclerosis: A Cytokine Gene Panel to Predict Systemic Sclerosis

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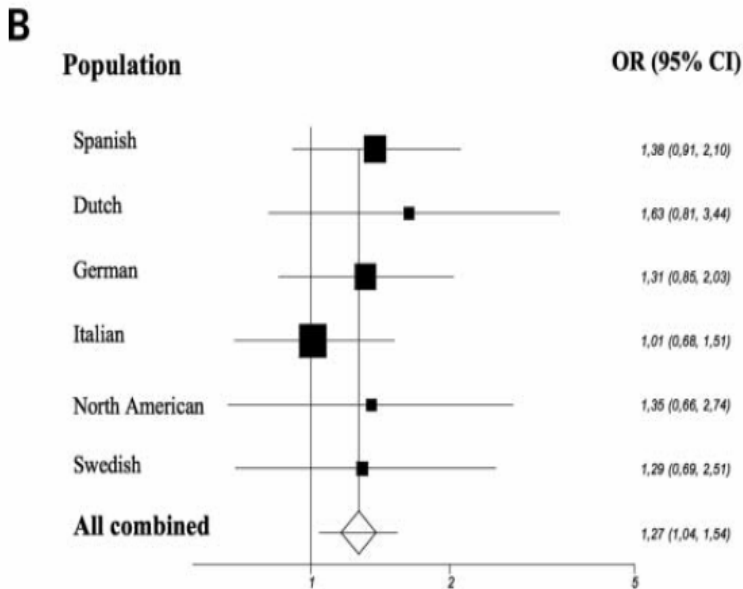
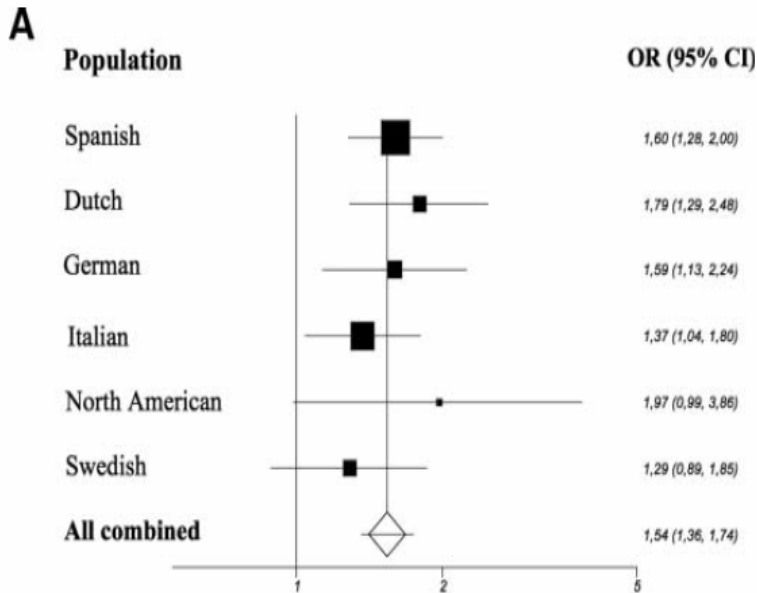
The PTPN22 620W Allele Confers Susceptibility to Systemic Sclerosis and Scleroderma Polymorphisms in Systemic Sclerosis

# The *STAT4* gene influences the genetic predisposition to systemic sclerosis phenotype

B. Rueda<sup>1</sup>, J. Broen<sup>2</sup>, C. Simeon<sup>4</sup>, R. Hesselstrand<sup>5</sup>, B. Diaz<sup>6</sup>, H. Sanchez<sup>6</sup>, N. Ortego-Centeno<sup>7</sup>, G. Riemekasten<sup>8</sup>, V. Fonollosa<sup>4</sup>, M.C. Vonk<sup>2</sup>, F.H.J. van den Hoogen<sup>9</sup>, J. Sanchez-Román<sup>10</sup>, M.A. Aguirre-Zamorano<sup>11</sup>, R. García-Portales<sup>12</sup>, A. Pros<sup>13</sup>, M.T. Camps<sup>14</sup>, M.A. Gonzalez-Gay<sup>15</sup>, M.J.H. Coenen<sup>3</sup>, P. Airo<sup>16</sup>, L. Beretta<sup>17</sup>, R. Scorza<sup>17</sup>, J. van Laar<sup>18</sup>, M.F. Gonzalez-Escribano<sup>19</sup>, J.L. Nelson<sup>20</sup>, T.R.D.J. Radstake<sup>2</sup> and J. Martin<sup>1,\*</sup>

## RESULTS

**STAT4 is associated with limited cutaneous SSc in the Spanish population**



*BANK1* Is a Genetic Risk Factor for Diffuse Cutaneous Systemic Sclerosis and Has Additive Effects With *IRF5* and *STAT4*

Diudé P et al. *Arthritis and Rheumatism*. 2009;60:3:447-454

*Conclusion.* Our results establish *BANK1* as a new SSc genetic susceptibility factor and show that *BANK1*, *IRF5*, and *STAT4* act with additive effects.

**BANK1 functional variants are associated with susceptibility to diffuse systemic sclerosis in Caucasians**

B Rueda, P Gourh, J Broen, S K Agarwal, C P Simeón, N Ortego-Centeno, M C Vonk, M Coenen, G Riemekasten, N Hunzelmann, R Hesselstrand, F K Tan, J D Reveille, S Assasi, F J Garcia-Hernandez, P Carreira, M Camps, A Fernandez-Nebro, P Garcia de la Peña, T Nearney, D Hilda, M A González-Gay, P Airo, L Beretta, R Scorza, T RDJ Radstake, M Mayes, F C Arnett and J Martin

*Ann Rheum Dis* published online 8 Oct 2009;  
doi:10.1136/ard.2009.118174



**Conclusion:** Our results suggest that *BANK1* gene confers susceptibility to SSc in general, and specifically to the dcSSc and anti-topoisomerase-I antibody subsets.



# CAPILAROSCOPIA

Microcirculación cutánea  
Porción venular  
Porción arteriolar



Morfología capilar  
Lecho periungueal

# Maurice Raynaud



DE  
**L'ASPHYXIE LOCALE**  
ET DE  
**LA GANGRÈNE SYMÉTRIQUE**  
DES EXTRÉMITÉS,

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(BOUXX, *Traité des maladies chirurgicales*,  
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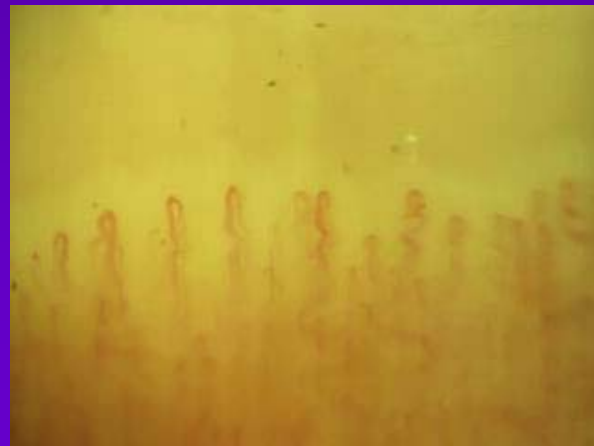
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# F.Raynaud. Clasificación



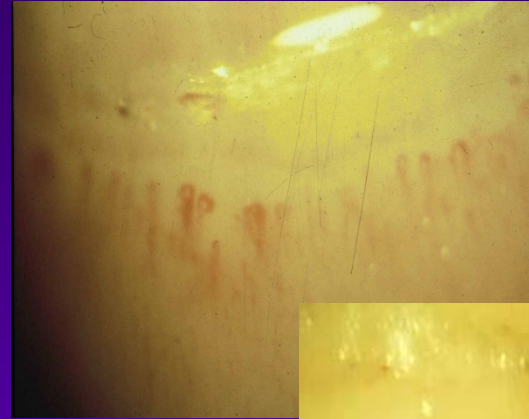
Primario



# F.Raynaud. Clasificación



Secundario



# Prognostic Model Based on Nailfold Capillaroscopy for Identifying Raynaud's Phenomenon Patients at High Risk for the Development of a Scleroderma Spectrum Disorder

Ingegnoli F et al. *Arthritis and Rheumatism*. 2008;58:2.174-182

Table 2. Multivariate regression analysis of the 3 prognostically relevant capillaroscopy parameters\*

Prognostic variable	HR	95% CI	$\chi^2$	P
Giant loops	1.58	0.6–4.14	0.86	0.355
Microhemorrhages	1.77	0.79–3.95	1.93	0.164
No. of capillaries				
Linear	0.66	0.45–0.98	4.15	0.042
Nonlinear	1.66	1.01–2.70	4.06	0.044

\* HR = hazard ratio; 95% CI = 95% confidence interval.



**Conclusion. Our prognostic capillaroscopic index identifies RP patients in whom the risk of developing SSDs is high. This model is a weighted combination of different capillaroscopy parameters that allows physicians to stratify RP patients easily, using a relatively simple diagram to deduce the prognosis. Our results suggest that this index could be used in clinical practice, and its further inclusion in prospective studies will undoubtedly help in exploring its potential in predicting treatment response.**

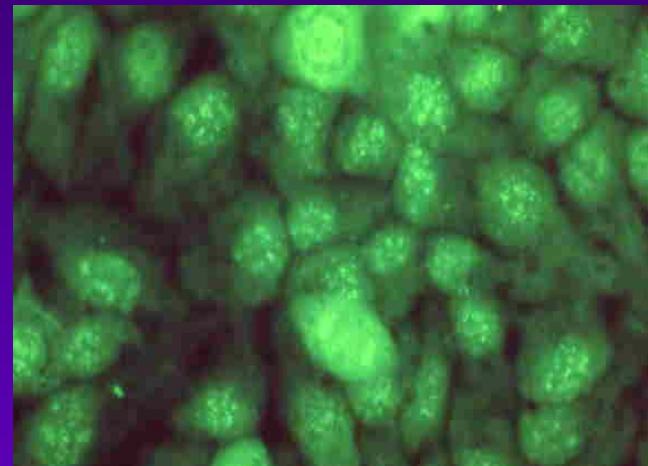


# Autoantibodies and Microvascular Damage Are Independent Predictive Factors for the Progression of Raynaud's Phenomenon to Systemic Sclerosis

A Twenty-Year Prospective Study of 586 Patients,  
With Validation of Proposed Criteria for Early Systemic Sclerosis

Koenig M et al. *Arthritis and Rheumatism*. 2008;58:3:902-12

Last, this study is the first to validate the criteria for early SSc that were proposed by LeRoy and Medsger, but were not validated (21). According to these criteria, when the presence of RP is subjective only (i.e., by patient report only), as in the present study, early SSc may be diagnosed when both an SSc pattern on NCM and SSc-specific autoantibodies are observed (21). In our cohort, patients in whom both predictors were present at baseline were 60 times more likely to develop definite SSc than were patients without these predictors.

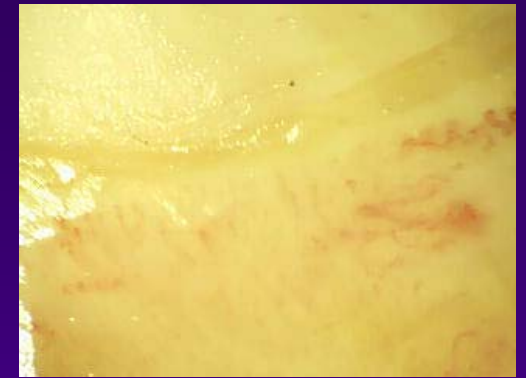


**Conclusion.** In RP evolving to definite SSc, microvascular damage is dynamic and sequential, while SSc-specific autoantibodies are associated with the course and type of capillary abnormalities. Abnormal findings oping definite SSc, whereas their absence rules out this outcome.

## Capilaroscopia



Dilataciones



Desestructuración vascular



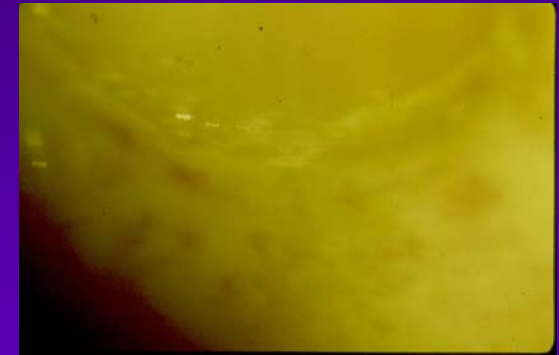
Megacapilares



## Esclerodermia



Megacapilares



Pérdida capilar



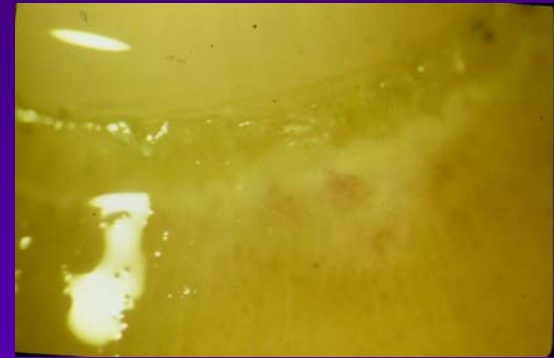
Hemorragias

# CAPILAROSCOPIA. Esclerodermia

## Patrones capilaroscópicos\*

### Patrón activo

pérdida capilar intensa  
desestructuración vascular  
dilataciones escasas



### Patrón lento

dilataciones-megacapilares  
pérdida discreta



\*HR.Mariqc



# CAPILAROSCOPIA. Esclerodermia

TABLA 2

## Subtipos de esclerodermia y alteraciones capilaroscópicas

Subtipo (n.º de casos)	Dilatación		Pérdida	
	Moderada	Extrema	Escasa	Extensa
Difusa (11)	5 (46)	4 (36)	3 (27)	7 (63)*
Limitada (52)	14 (27)	33 (63)	22 (42)	9 (17)*

\* p = 0,003. Resultados expresados en n.º de casos (tanto por ciento).



TABLA 3

## Número de órganos afectados y alteraciones capilaroscópicas

N.º de órganos (n.º de casos)	Dilatación		Pérdida	
	Moderada	Extrema	Escasa	Extensa
Uno (8)	1 (12)	7 (87)	4 (50)	0
Dos (30)	8 (26)	18 (60)	13 (43)	6 (20)
Tres (21)	9 (43)	10 (47)	6 (29)	8 (26)
Cuatro (4)	1 (25)	2 (50)	2 (50)	2 (50)

Resultados expresados en n.º de casos (tanto por ciento).  
Valores de p > 0,05.

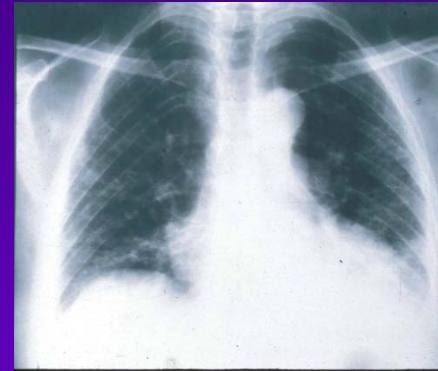
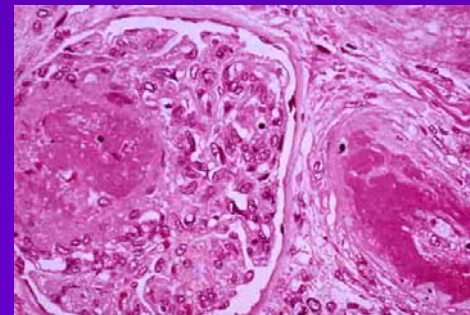


TABLA 4

## Tipo de afección visceral y alteraciones capilaroscópicas

Tipo de afección	N.º de casos (tanto por ciento)	Capilaroscopia patológica	Dilatación		Pérdida	
			Moderada	Extrema	Escasa	Extensa
Digestiva	54 (85)	51 (84)	15 (28)	31 (57)	20 (37)	14 (26)
Respiratoria	44 (69)	43 (97)	14 (32)	24 (54)	16 (36)	13 (29)
Cardíaca	48 (76)	48 (76)	14 (28)	28 (56)	17 (34)	15 (30)
Renal	4 (6)	4 (100)	1 (25)	2 (50)	2 (50)	2 (50)

Resultados expresados en n.º de casos (tanto por ciento).  
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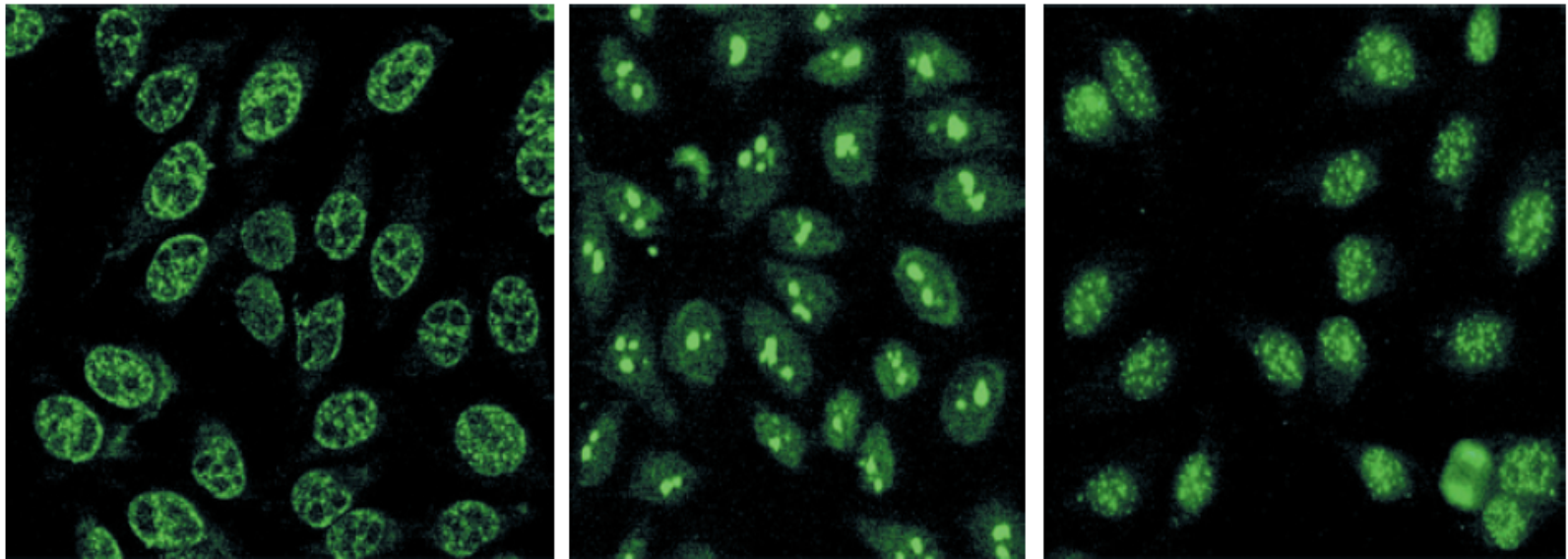
	a LcSSc (%)	b DcSSc (%)	c ssSSc (%)	pre-SSc	p value a vs b	p value a vs c	p value b vs c
Capillaroscopy	383 (68)	131 (54)	54 (78)	32(86,5)			
Slow pattern	231 (61.6)	50 (39)	37 (68.9)	21 (66)	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Active pattern	114 (30.4)	78 (59.5)	4 (7.4)	3 (9,4)	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001

	ACA (808) (%) 356 (44)	ScI70 (796) (%) 173 (21,7)	RNP (762) (%) 41 (5,3)	PM-ScI (311) (%) 14 (4,5)
Capilaroscopy	255 (71.6)	99 (57.2)	32 (78)	10 (71.4)
Slow pattern	162 (65.1)*	45 (49.5)*	12 (40)	5 (90)
Active pattern	66 (26.9)*	47 (47.9)*	16 (53.3)	4 (40)

**Línea Esclerodermia (GEAS)**

# Esclerodermia: Anticuerpos antinucleares específicos

A



B

Classic Autoantibodies	Clinical Features	New Autoantibodies	Role
Anti-topoisomerase I	Diffuse cutaneous scleroderma	Anti-endothelial cell	Induce apoptosis of endothelial cells
Anticentromere proteins	Limited cutaneous scleroderma, pulmonary hypertension	Anti-FBN 1	Activate normal human fibroblasts
Anti-RNA polymerase I/II	Diffuse cutaneous scleroderma, renal involvement	Anti-MMP 1 and 3	Prevent degradation of ECM proteins
Antipolymyositis, sclerosis	Polymyositis, calcinosis	Anti-PDGFR	Stimulate normal human fibroblasts through Ha-Ras-ERK1/2-ROS
Antifibrillarín (U3RNP)	Diffuse cutaneous scleroderma, internal-organ involvement	Anti-Nag-2	Induce endothelial-cell apoptosis
Anti-Th/To	Limited cutaneous scleroderma, pulmonary fibrosis		



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# The Many Faces of Scleroderma

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Clinical studies have shown that the use of limited cutaneous and diffuse cutaneous scleroderma does not adequately predict the prognosis in many patients. Perhaps systemic sclerosis should be used as a generic term such as “cancer” or “heart disease” and then use the autoantibody subset as a distinct form of the disease. Treatment is still focused on individual organ systems and different antibody subsets have different frequency and severity of organ involvement. Thus, the antibody subsets still need to be lumped under the umbrella of systemic sclerosis. At this point, it seems prudent to put

Table 1

Features of patients with limited scleroderma-specific autoantibodies

Antibody	ACA	Th/To	Pm/Scl	UI-RNP
No. of patients	291	72	36	71
Male sex, %*	8	19	19	21
African African, %*	3	4	3	13
Age of onset*	42	40	38	33
Diffuse SSc, %*	5	7	22	20
Disease duration				
At diagnosis*	8.7	7.9	3.2	3.2
Joints, %*	60	60	75	<u>94</u>
Digital ulcers, %*	<u>61</u>	29	<u>47</u>	49
Gangrene, %*	<u>18</u>	5	5	11
Digital tuft	27	7	32	17
Resorption* (x-ray numbers actually performed)	(41/151)	(2/28)	(7/22)	(5/29)
Calcinosis, %*	<u>46</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>39</u>	14
Muscle inflammation, %*	1	6	<u>58</u>	<u>27</u>
Any GI, %	57	33	39	39
Severe GI, %*	8	13	0	14
Any lung, %	45	62	58	53
Number with PFTs	(184)	(49)	(22)	(49)
Severe fibrosis, %*	6	<u>16</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>22</u>
Lowest FVC,* % predicted	87	<u>70</u>	<u>74</u>	75
Isolated PAH*	<u>19</u>	<u>32</u>	3	<u>14</u>
Severe heart, %*	4	7	6	11
Renal crisis, %*	1	4	4	7
Survival, % cumulative survival from diagnosis				
5 y, 10 y	85,75	<u>78,65</u>	<u>95,72</u>	78,65

Major differences in bold.

Abbreviations: ACA, anticentromere antibody; FVC, forced vital capacity; GI, gastrointestinal; PFT, pulmonary function test; PAH, pulmonary arterial hypertension; SSc, systemic sclerosis.

\*  $P < .001$  by analysis of variance.

Table 2

Features of patients with diffuse scleroderma specific autoantibodies present

Antibody	TOPO	POL 3	U3 RNP
No. of patients	318	120	55
Male sex, %*	27	19	29
African American, %*	17	3	29
Age of onset*	43	44	35
Diffuse SSc, %*	<u>71</u>	<u>85</u>	64
Disease duration			
At diagnosis	2.2	1.5	2.9
Joints, %	<u>86</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>89</u>
Carpal tunnel, %*	28	43	27
Tendon rubs, %	<u>50</u>	61	42
Digital ulcers, %*	<u>63</u>	42	58
Gangrene, %*	<u>13</u>	3	9
Digital tuft	28	5	9
Resorption* (x-ray numbers actually performed)	49/173	3/54	2/22
Calcinosis, %*	17	14	22
Muscle inflammation, %*	9	4	18
Any GI, %	56	37	59
Severe GI, %*	8	5	25
Any lung %	73	49	67
Number with PFTs	(235)	(74)	(37)
Severe fibrosis, %*	<u>23</u>	7	<u>24</u>
Lowest FVC,* % predicted	<u>67</u>	81	<u>68</u>
Isolated PAH	2	6	24
Severe heart, %*	<u>16</u>	7	<u>18</u>
Renal crisis, %*	<u>10</u>	<u>28</u>	7
Survival, % cumulative survival from diagnosis			
5 y, 10 y	<u>78,65</u>	<u>90,75</u>	80,61

Major differences in bold.

Abbreviations: FVC, forced vital capacity; GI, gastrointestinal; PFT, pulmonary function test; PAH, pulmonary arterial hypertension; SSc, systemic sclerosis.

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In summary, scleroderma-specific autoantibodies are strongly associated with meaningful clinical manifestations. These antibodies can be helpful in determining prognosis, and monitoring and treating patients. They should be used in performing clinical trials and in doing genetic and basic research. Hopefully, these scleroderma antibodies will lead to a better understanding of the pathogenesis of scleroderma.

	ACA (808) (%)	Sci70 (796) (%)	p (ACA vs Sci70)
Number of patients	356 (44)	173 (21.7)	
LcSSc	293 (82.3)	45 (2.6)	< 0.001
DcSSc	17 (4.7)	116 (67)	< 0.001
ssSSc	27 (7.5)	6 (3.4)	< 0.001
Women	328 (92.1)	147 (85)	0.011
Age at onset	45.64 ± 14.45	44.73 ± 15.34	ns
Age at diagnosis	53.47 ± 13.75	49.01 ± 14.33	< 0.001
Time onset-diagnosis	7.84 ± 9.95	4.31 ± 7.09	< 0.0001
First Manifestation			
RP	299 (92.6)	130 (84.4)	0.013
Puffy hands	1 (0.3)	2 (1.3)	ns
Arthralgia	15 (4.6)	12 (17.8)	ns
Skin sclerosis	3 (0.9)	8 (5.2)	ns
ACR criteria fulfilled	202 (56.7)	151 (87.3)	<0.001
RP	345 (96.9)	158 (91.3)	0.005
Digital Ulcers	133 (37.4)	90 (52)	0.002
Telangiectasias	226 (63.9)	100 (57.8)	ns
Calcinosis	75 (21.1)	23 (13.3)	0.021



	ACA (808) (%)	Sci70 (796) (%)	p (ACA vs Sci70)
<b>Osteomuscular</b>	189 (53.1)	103 (59.5)	ns
Arthritis	42 (11.8)	40 (23.1)	< 0.001
Myositis	5 (1.4)	12 (6.9)	< 0.001
Tendon Friction Fubs	11 (3.1)	14 (8.1)	0.010
Acroosteolysis	26 (7.3)	22 (12.7)	0.045
<b>Digestive involvement</b>			
Oesophagus	188 (79)	113 (89)	ns
Gastric	39 (16.4)	58 (17)	ns
Malabsortion	7 (2.9)	14 (4.1)	ns
<b>Lung involvement</b>			
ILD	110 (30.9)	123 (71.1)	< 0.001
FVC (%) (mean ± SD)	94.22 ± 22	74 ± 20.76	< 0.001
DLCO/VA (%) (mean ± SD)	74.77 ± 21.9	74.85 ± 22.32	ns
FVC ≤ 70 (%)	28 (10.7)	64 (43.5)	< 0.001
Ground-glass	24 (14)	60 (56.1)	< 0.001
Reticular pattern	31 (8.7)	76 (43.9)	< 0.001

**Línea Esclerodermia (GEAS)**

	ACA (808) (%)	ScI70 (796) (%)	p (ACA vs ScI70)
PAH	55 (15.4)	37 (21.4)	ns
PAH isolated PAPs (mmHg) (mean ± SD)	19 (7.8) 39.14 ± 20	8 (4.3) 40.28 ± 16	ns ns
PAPm (mean ± SD)	40 ± 15.2	36.8 ± 14.1	ns
VTR (mean ± SD)	2.7 ± 0.75	2.6 ± 0.58	ns
Hearth involvement	115 (32.3)	62 (35.8)	ns
Pericarditis	11 (3.1)	17 (10.1)	0.002
Ischemia	39 (11)	12 (6.9)	ns
Conduction Alteration	43 (12)	22 (12.7)	ns
SRC	4 (1.1)	6 (3.5)	ns
Sicca Syndrome	143 (40.2)	53 (30.6)	0.034
Capilaroscopy	255 (71.6)	99 (57.2)	
Slow pattern	162 (65.1)	45 (49.5)	< 0.001
Active pattern	66 (26.9)	47 (47.9)	< 0.001
Death	38 (10.7)	30 (17.3)	0.027

**Línea Esclerodermia (GEAS)**

# INDEPENDENT PREDICTORS OF DISEASE MANIFESTATIONS

	1	2	3
Age diagnostic (<65 / >=65)	DcSSc LcSSc	-	-
Time onset_diag (<65 / >=65)	DcSSc LcSSc	-	-
Arthritis	DcSSc	-	-
Myositis	DcSSc	ACA -	Sci70 -
Digital ulcers	DcSSc	Sci70 -	
Raynaud Phenomenon	DcSSc LcSSc	-	-
Digestive involvement	DcSSc	-	-
Oesophagus	DcSSc	ACA -	-
Gastric	DcSSc	-	-
Malabsortion	DcSSc	-	-
Lung involvement	DcSSc	ACA -	-
EPID	DcSSc	ACA -	Sci70 - Sci70 +
Ground-glass	DcSSc	ACA -	
Reticular pattern	DcSSc	ACA -	Sci70 - Sci70 +
HTAP	DcSSc	-	-
HTAP whitout EPID	-	-	-

	1	2	3
Hearth involvement	Sci70 - Sci70 +	-	-
Pericarditis	Sci70 - Sci70 +	-	-
Ischemia	-	-	-
Conduction alteration	ACA - ACA +	Sci70 - Sci70 +	-
CRE	DcSSc	-	-
Sicca Syndrome	ACA - ACA +	-	-
CVF ≤ 70%	ACA -	-	-
Capillaroscopy Active/Slow	DsSSc	-	-

Difusa / limitada: 17  
ANAs : 3

Línea Esclerodermia (GEAS)

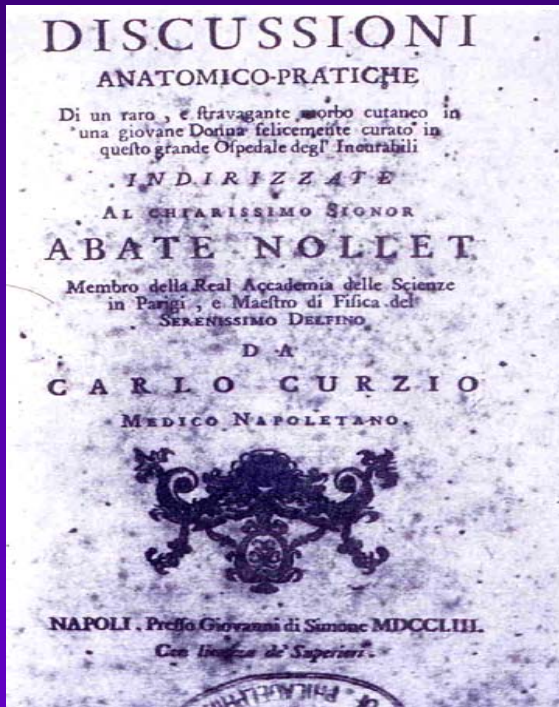
# ESCLERODERMIA

## DISCUSSIONI ANATOMICO-PRATICHE



*Di un raro, e  
stravagante morbo  
cutaneo in una  
giovane Donna  
felicemente curato in  
questo  
grande Ospedale  
degl'Incurabili*

# Esclerodermia. Tratamiento



Carlo Curzio, 1753

*“Después de un periodo de 11 meses, la piel de la enferma estaba perfectamente blanda y flexible, podía moverse, levantarse y realizar todas sus funciones naturales”*

***Baños de vapor y leche caliente  
Sangrías (en el pie)  
Pequeñas dosis de mercurio***