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The Safety Profile of Tumor Necrosis Factor Inhibitors in Ankylosing Spondylitis: Are TNF Inhibitors Safer Than We Thought?

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Long-term use of tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors in patients with ankylosing spondylitis remains necessary. However, the long-term safety of TNF inhibitors in patients with ankylosing spondylitis raises concern because the majority of safety studies have been performed in patients with rheumatoid arthritis, and there appears to be different safety profiles between the two disease conditions. Learners who complete this course will be able to identify the toxicity of TNF inhibitors in patients with ankylosing spondylitis and compare the safety profile of TNF inhibitors in patients with ankylosing spondylitis and rheumatoid arthritis. Learners will also be able to discuss gaps in knowledge surrounding TNF inhibitors safety and areas where further research is needed.



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- 1. Explain ankylosing spondylitis and its available therapies;
- 2. Identify the toxicity and common adverse events of TNF inhibitors:
- 3. Compare the safety profile of TNF inhibitors between patients with ankylosing spondylitis and rheumatoid arthritis;
- 4. Discuss gaps in knowledge of TNF inhibitors' safety and areas where further research is needed.

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