Preface

Spondyloarthritis: The Changing Landscape—Are We There Yet?







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Dear friends, dear colleagues,

We are happy to provide you this issue of Rheumatic Disease Clinics of North America. This piece of work includes contributions of many of the leaders in the field of spondyloarthritis (SpA). Together with the authors, we have tried to address all aspects of the disease related to axial, peripheral, or combinations of both phenotypes. The authors achieved very nicely, in small pieces that at the end fit together like a puzzle, capturing the entire landscape of SpA, giving objective and their own views on the most recent changes but also describing the (possible) future directions. The contributions are dealing with the disease pathogenesis and biology, genetics and cellular interactions, differences between phenotypes and classification challenges, musculoskeletal and extraarticular manifestations, treatment options, treatment targets, imaging, clinical assessment, and precision medicine. Of great interest are also the perspectives of 2 patients, who describe the burden of the disease and the challenges of coping with it in everyday life. These contributions aim to capture all aspects that are relevant for physicians, researchers, and patients. Our aim was to update knowledge, inform about upcoming changes in the field, and stipulate discussions about what might be more or less relevant in the future of SpA, in order to achieve the best possible medical care for our patients.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this issue as much as we all enjoyed working on it together.

Sincerely,

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