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## **Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome in Rheumatic Disease**

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**Background/Purpose:** Polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) is a common entity in the general population associated with polycystic ovaries, oligomenorrhea, difficulty conceiving, hormone abnormalities, metabolic comorbidities, and hirsutism. Prevalence ranges from 3-10%. Fertility issues, menstrual cycle irregularities, and metabolic conditions are common in those with rheumatic disease as well. The prevalence of PCOS in those with rheumatic disease is unknown.

**Methods:** Utilizing a secure cloud-based platform, Explorys, we conducted a retrospective cross-sectional study of females 10-50 years of age. The diagnosis of PCOS was determined if the subject had polycystic ovaries and 1/10 known findings associated with PCOS (Table 1). Our inclusion criteria was limited by the existence of Systematized Nomenclature for Medicine-Clinical Term (SNOMED-CT), as the Explorys database is ontology based. A SNOMED-CT does not exist for PCOS. Diseases of interest included: systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), dermatomyositis (DM), psoriasis (PsO), ankylosing spondylitis (AS), psoriatic arthritis (PsA), and juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA). Disease-specific searches excluded all other rheumatic diseases of interest in this study and endocrinopathies. Table 2 summarizes the findings of each patient population. Chi-squared testing was performed to compare prevalence of PCOS between rheumatic diseases.

**Results:** In our analysis, there was significant prevalence of PCOS between SLE and RA, PsO, PsA, and AS as well as RA and PsO and PsA with p-values <0.01. There was also significance between JIA and PsA, PsO, and AS. In our Explorys population, PCOS prevalence was found to be low, however recognized underreporting of PCOS and known lack of medical care for this diagnosis may account for this. In our data set, our disease specific prevalence was similar to reported values, validating our cohort.

**Conclusion:** PCOS prevalence in rheumatic diseases nears that of the general population. There is a significantly increased prevalence in those with PsA, PsO, and AS. It should be considered as a

diagnosis in those who have oligomenorrhea, infertility, or signs of hyperandrogenization.

Table 2. Prevalence of PCOS in Rheumatic diseases									
	Explorys	SLE	RA	DM	PsO	PsA	AS	JIA	
PCOS	126330	1120	1540	50	1340	290	150	160	
Total	14209420	34300	39480	1290	30740	6020	3150	4570	
Prevalence	0.009	0.033	0.039	0.039	0.044	0.048	0.048	0.035	

Table 1. Inclusion Criteria for PCOS					
	Menstruation Absence				
	Hirsuitism				
	Disorder of ovary, endocrine				
Polycystic Ovaries	Infertility associated with				
	anovulation				
	Hyperandrogenization				
AND	Abnormal menstrual cycle				
	Abnormal serum Testosterone				
One of the following	Level				
	Abnormal serum Anti-Müllerian				
	Hormone				
	Abnormal serum				
	Dehydroepiandrosterone Sulfate				

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