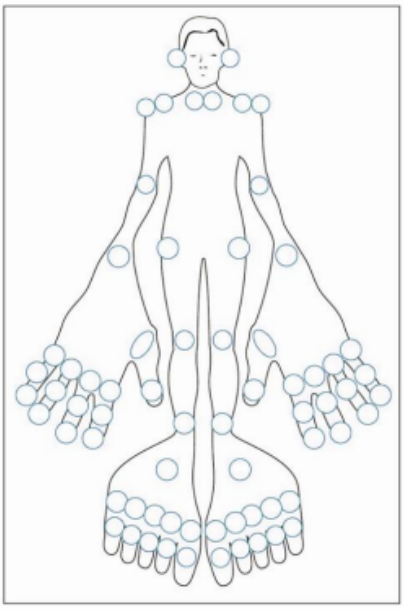
The **Disease Activity in Psoriatic Arthritis Score in 68 joints (DAPSA68)** is the gold standard to assess psoriatic arthritis (PA). DAPSA68 looks at a patient's joint count, tenderness, swelling, C-reactive protein (CRP), and a patient global assessment of disease activity. Online calculators are available.

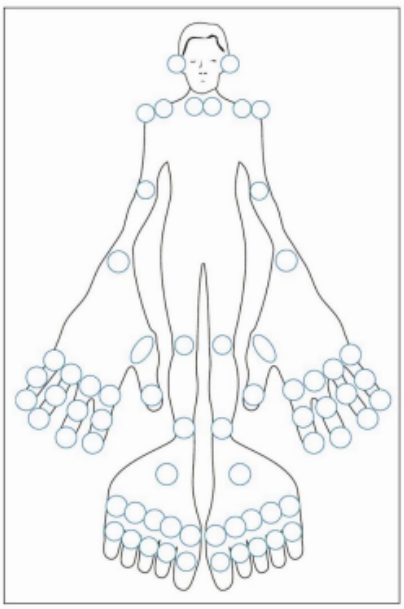
DAPSA (Disease Activity in PSoriatic Arthritis) Score

Tender Joints



1. Tender Joints Count (0-68), TJ: ☐☐

Swollen Joints



2. Swollen Joints Count (0-66), SJ: ☐☐

3. CRP (mg/dl): ☐☐☐

4. Patient's assessment of disease activity and pain

- How active was your rheumatic disease on average during the last week?

not active 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 very active

- How would you describe the overall level of joint pain during the last week?

none 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 very severe

DAPSA = TJ + SJ + CRP + Activity + Pain = ☐

Disease Activity: 0-4 Remission, 5-14 low, 15-28 moderate, >28 high Disease Activity

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