

# Sclérodermie systémique: atteinte cutanée

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# **2013 classification criteria for SSc: an ACR/EULAR collaborative initiative (I)**

- Skin thickening of the fingers extending proximal to the metacarpophalangeal joints: SSc;
- If that is not present, 7 additive items apply:
  - skin thickening of the fingers,
  - fingertip lesions,
  - telangiectasia,
  - abnormal nailfold capillaries,
  - interstitial lung disease or pulmonary arterial hypertension,
  - Raynaud's phenomenon,
  - SSc-related autoantibodies.

# Skin thickening of the fingers (I)



Score = 2

**Puffy fingers**

Only count higher score

# Skin thickening of the fingers (II)



Sclerodactily

Score = 4

Only count higher score





# Raynaud's phenomenon



Score = 3

# Raynaud's phenomenon



# Cyanosis



# fingertip lesions

Digital ulcers

Score = 2



Fingertip pitting scars

Score = 3

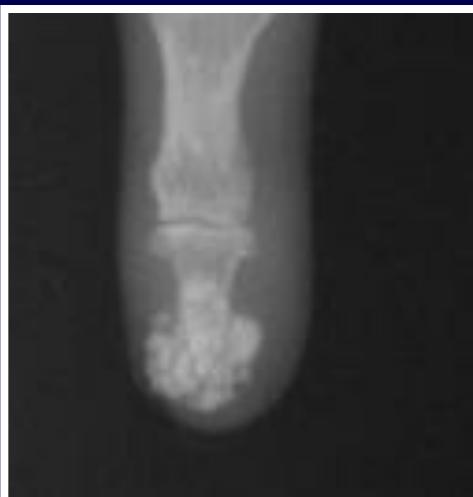
Only count higher score



# Digital ulcers: Vascular mechanisms



# Calcinosis/mechanical



# Digital ulcers: Healing

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- ◆ Time to healing: Not well documented
- ◆ 30% sequelae
- ◆ Loss of substance
- ◆ Pitting scar
- ◆ Auto-amputation
- ◆ Surgical amputation



# Digital ulcer/necrosis superinfection



# Digital ulcers: Infection

- 1/3 infections
- 10% osteomyelitis
- Delayed healing++++



Hachulla E, et al. *J Rheum* 2007; 34:2423-30.  
Nihtyanova SI, et al. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2008; 67:120-3.

# Digital necrosis/gangrene



Perform arterial doppler

# Digital ulcers: Also on the feet!



# telangiectasia



Score = 2



# telangiectasia

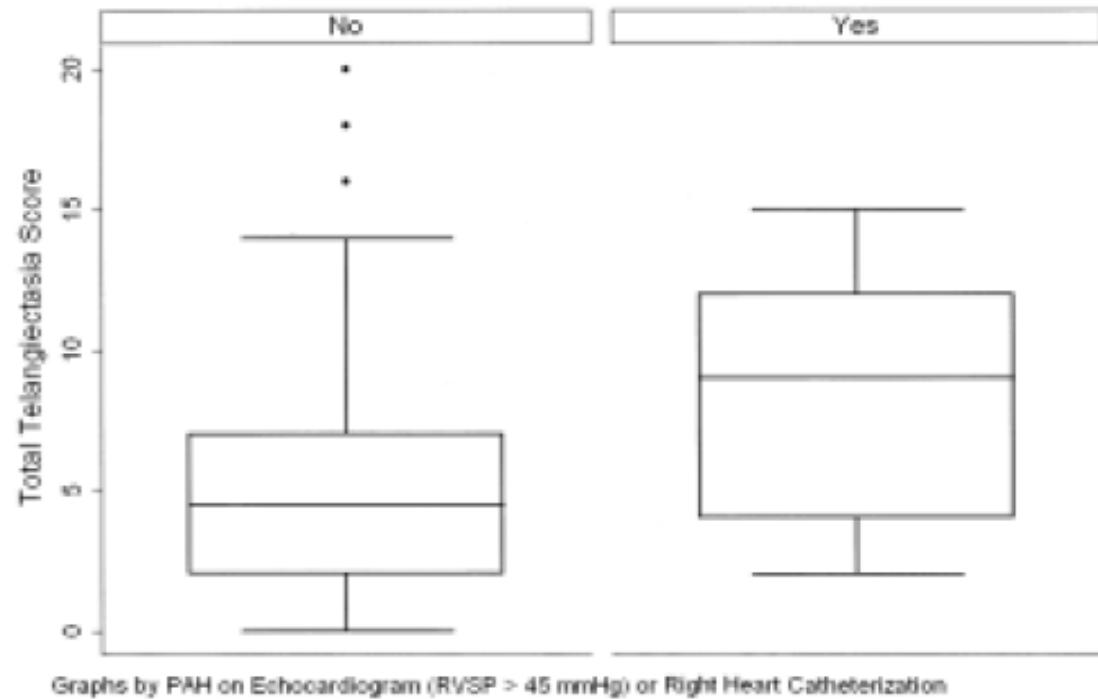


# telangiectasia



# Telangiectases in Scleroderma: A Potential Clinical Marker of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

Shah et al. J Rheumatol 2010



# Calcinoses



# Calcinosis: major disability

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# Calcinosis: spontaneous elimination

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# Atteinte de la main dans la ScS

- Trois phases
  - Phase oedémateuse (ScS diffuse)
  - Phase scléreuse
  - Phase atrophique: la peau devient atrophique et les déformations augmentent



# ScS œdémateuse débutante



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# Juvenile systemic sclerosis: atrophic phase



# Hypertrophy of the nail cuticle











# Systemic sclerosis: depigmentation



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## Systemic sclerosis: depigmentation/ulcer



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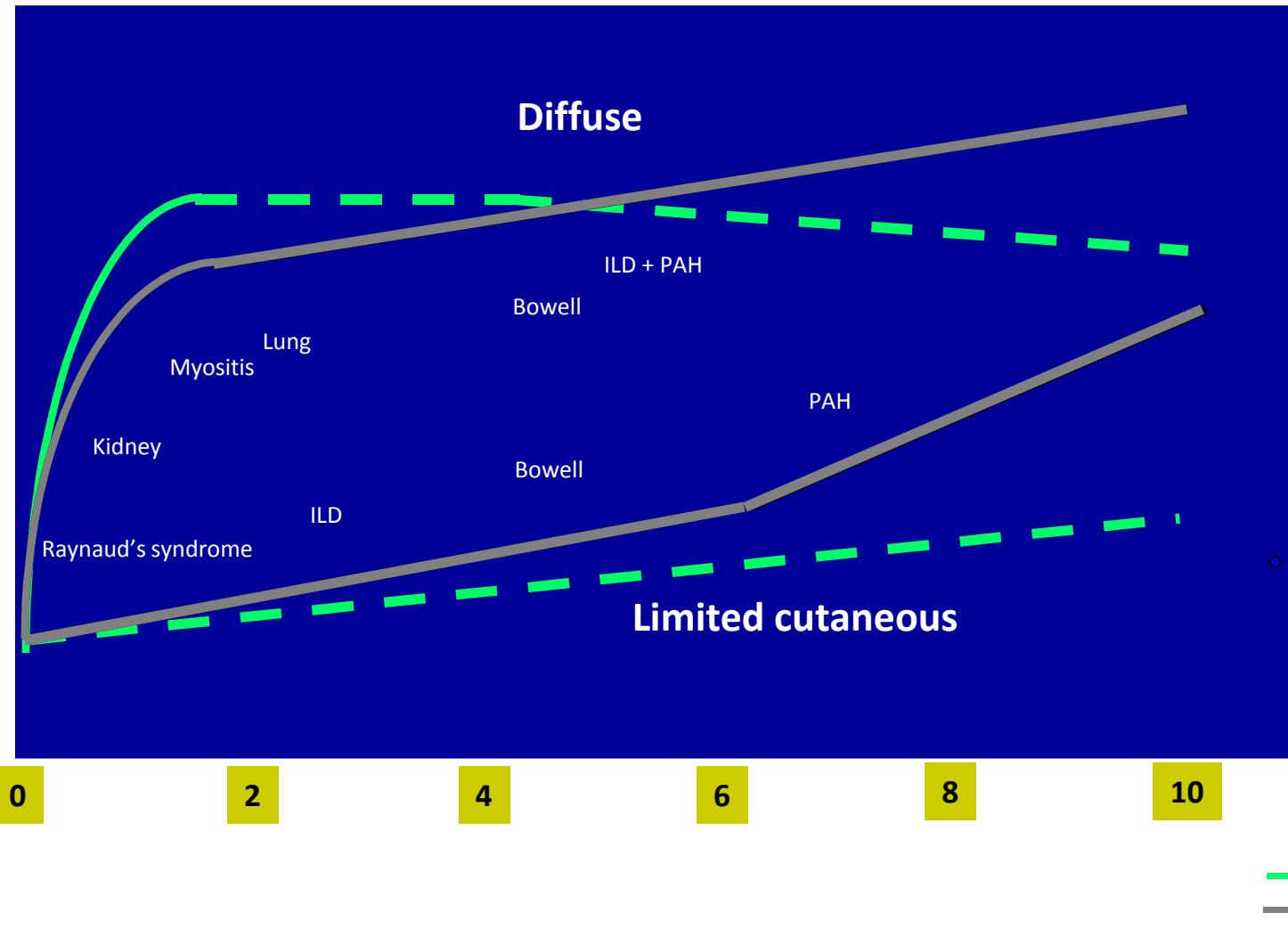
# Mouth involvement



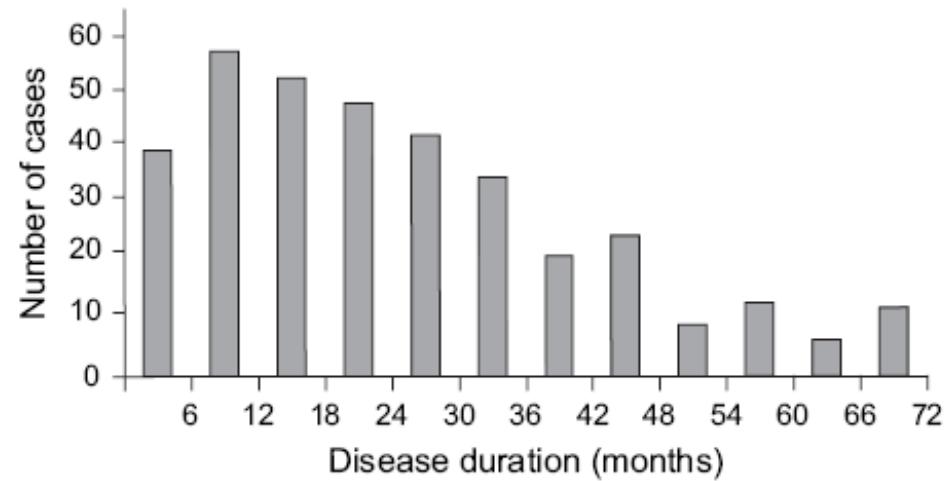
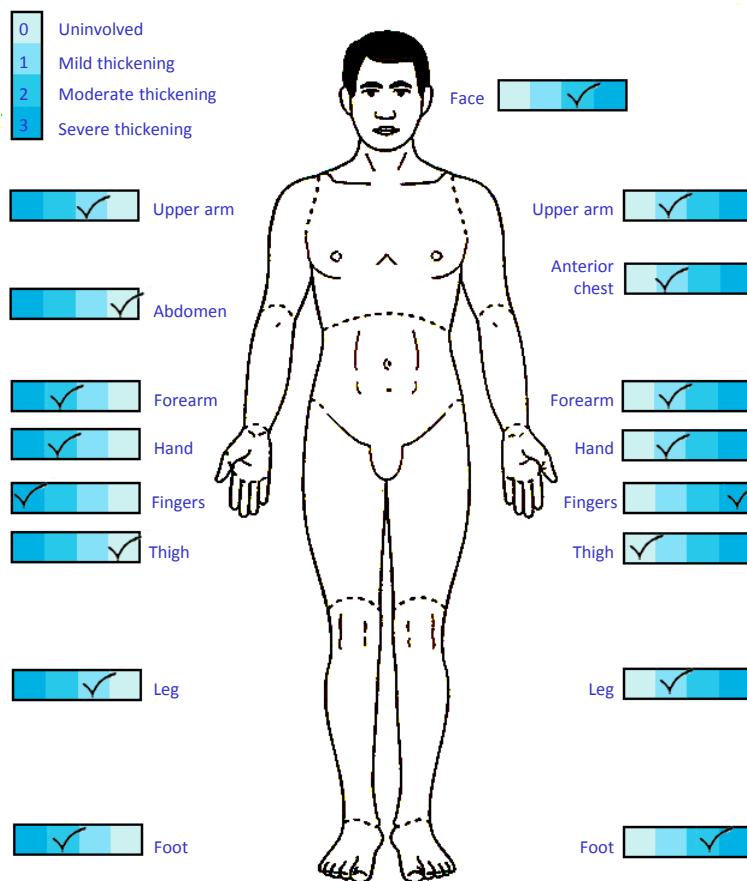
# Limited mouth aperture



# SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS : EVOLUTION

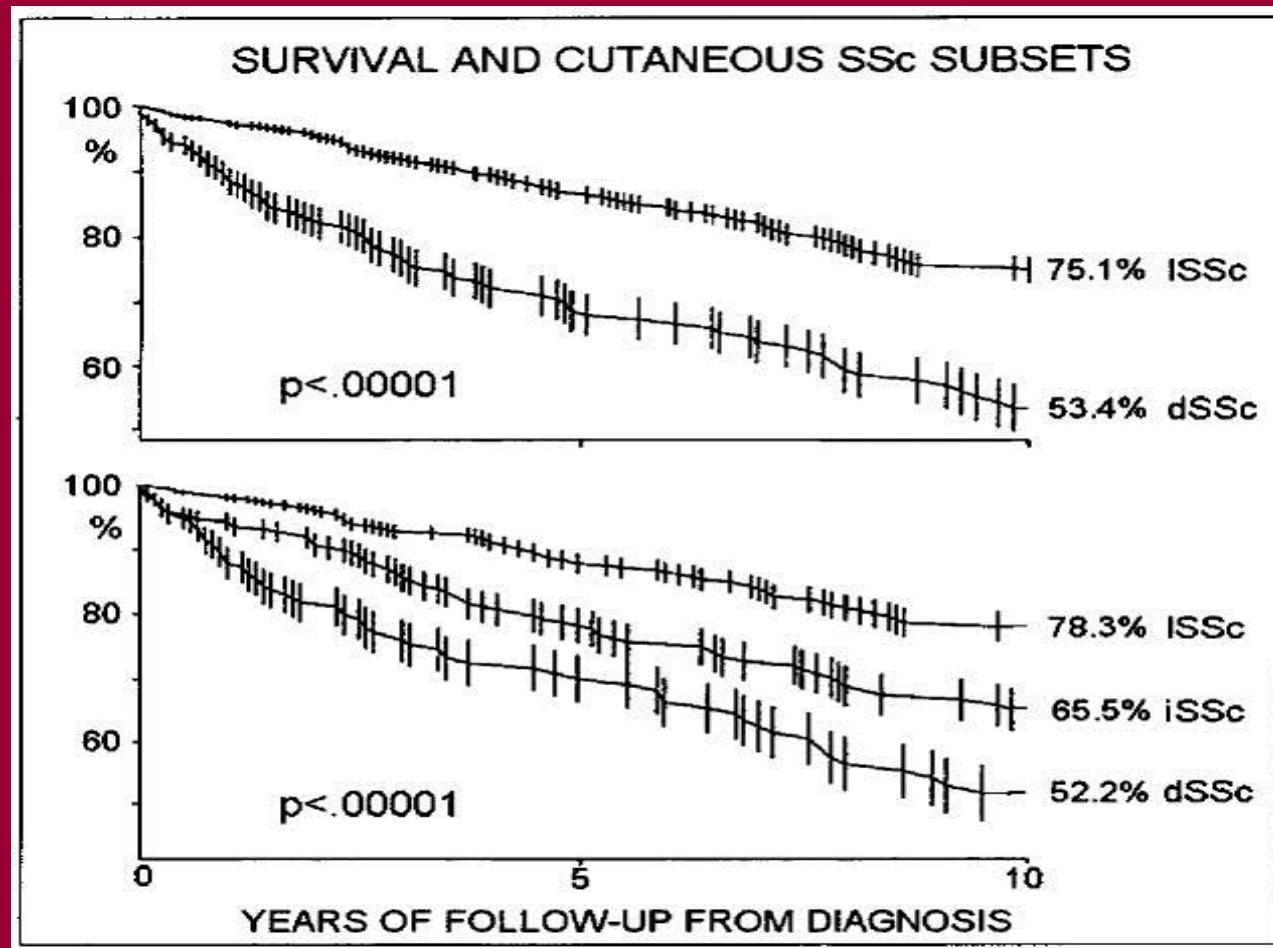


# The modified Rodnan skin score (MRSS)



Disease duration at peak skin score of the patients who had dcSSc from the Royal Free Hospital scleroderma database.

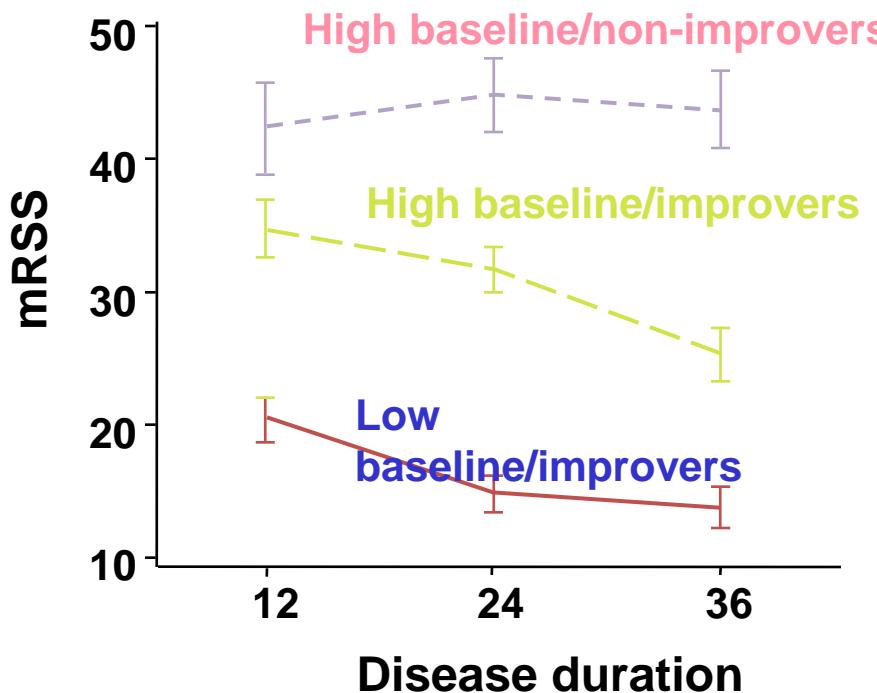
# Pronostic: l'atteinte cutanée proximale et la rapidité d'installation sont les éléments pronostiques importants



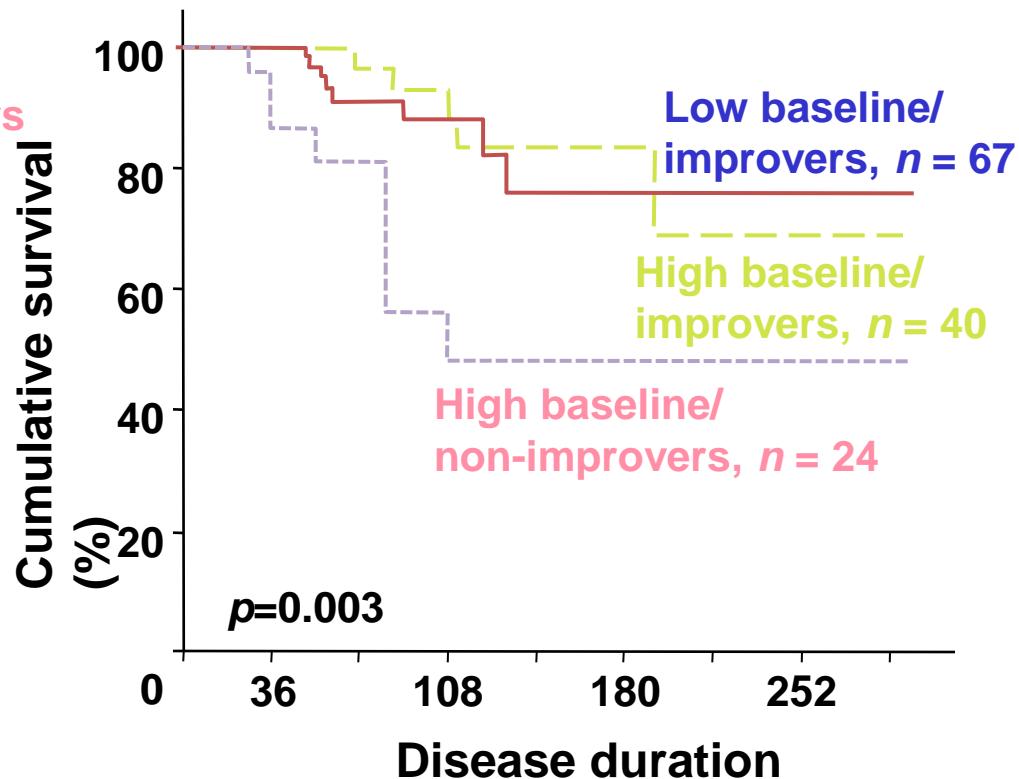
Ferri et al, Medicine, 2002

# Disease duration and skin score in dcSSc

Change in skin score over 3 years in the subgroups



Survival in the subgroups



# Identify early diffuse SSC

Oedema (weight gain)

Swelling hands

Joint/muscle pain

Later on.....

Raynaud's phenomenon

Later on...

Sclerodactyly

Sometimes:

Myositis

Renal crisis

Before skin sclerosis

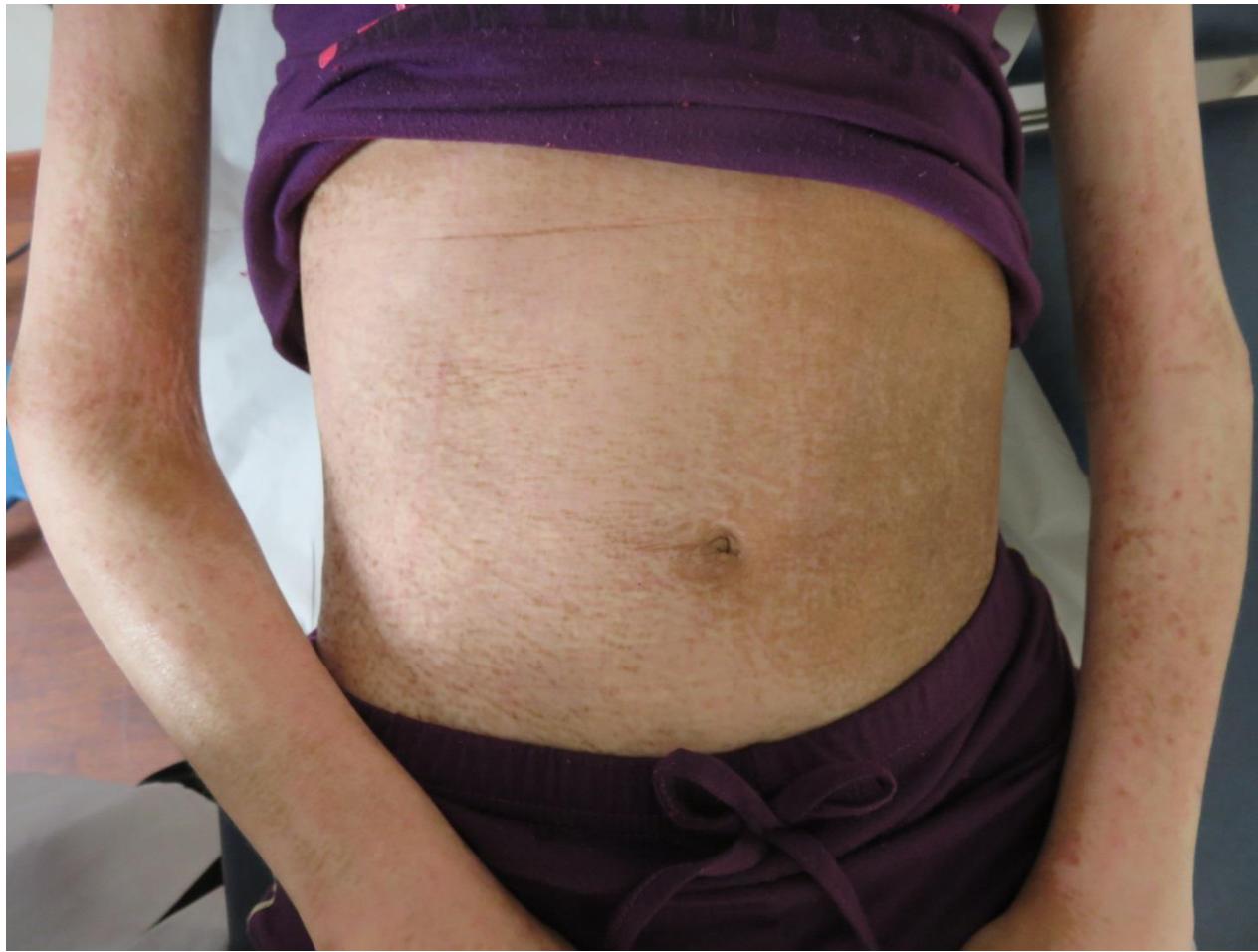
Always touch the skin !













# Perfusion difficile

- Trouver une voie veineuse périphérique n'est pas une mince affaire chez certains patients
- Il faut quelquefois envisager la pose d'une chambre implantable





# Conclusions

- Atteinte cutanée: élément diagnostique majeur: contribution aux critères de classification (télangiectasies)
- Différentier limité/diffus
- Score de Rodnan modifié: intérêt pronostique
- Evolution de la sclérose vers l'atrophie
- La clinique+++



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