Fibromyalgia Syndrome Clinical Reasoning Guide

"Classic" FMS

- Sleep disorder
- Anxiety
- Depression
- -Irritable bowel syndrome
- Neuro-endocrine imbalances

"Pseudo or False" - FMS

The various disorders that are commonly misdiagnosed as FMS

- 1) Structural
- 2) Metabolic
- 3) Other Root Causes

All can be associated with fatigue and muscle tenderness

Structural (Musculoskeletal)

- Multiple trigger points (TrP)
- Joint pain/stiffness
- Muscle spasm and achiness
- Poor posture
- Undiagnosed spinal disc/facet disorders

Metabolic (Functional)

- Sub-optimal energy metabolism
- Toxicity
- Subtle thyroid disorder
- Adrenal stress/exhaustion
- -Nutritional deficiencies

Other Root Causes (Medical Diseases)

- Anemia
- Lyme disease
- Hypothyroidism
- Inflammatory arthritis
- Autoimmune disease
- Cancer
- Multiple sclerosis
- Small fiber polyneuropathy

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