**“Intravenous Iloprost Utilization Patterns in Systemic Sclerosis-Related Vasculopathy: results from the Rheumatic Diseases Portuguese Registry (Reuma.pt) – ILOVASSc study”**

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**Abstract**

Objective: To describe the patterns of IV iloprost use in tertiary centres in Portugal for the treatment of peripheral vasculopathy in systemic sclerosis (SSc) patients, identifying potential predictors and determinants of its timing, dosage and frequency of treatment protocols.

Methods: this multicenter study will utilize data retrieved from the Rheumatic Diseases Portuguese Register (Reuma.pt) of patients meeting the 2013 SSc criteria. We will analyse data of SSc patients treated with IV iloprost, including different timings, doses, duration and frequency of IV iloprost sessions.

This study will be submitted to the Centro Académico de Medicina de Lisboa (CAML) ethical committee and to the Coordination Board of Reuma.pt.