

Description of the measure

Patients 18 years and older who were diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and were dispensed at least one ambulatory prescription for a disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) during the measurement year.

Exclusion(s)

- Hospice
- A diagnosis of HIV any time during the member's history
- A diagnosis of pregnancy any time during the measurement year

Tips for best practice

Confirm the RA diagnosis

- Refer patient to a rheumatologist who will order a cyclic citrullinated peptide antibody (CCP) and rheumatoid factor blood tests to confirm the diagnosis

If incorrectly diagnosed with RA

- A corrected claim needs to be issued and an addendum to the chart notes should be made

If correctly diagnosed with RA

- Prescribe an appropriate DMARD from the list below:

Drug category	Medication name		
5-Aminosalicylates	<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfasalazine		
Alkylating agents	<input type="checkbox"/> Cyclophosphamide		
Aminoquinolines	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydroxychlorquine		
Anti-rheumatics	<input type="checkbox"/> Auranofin <input type="checkbox"/> Leflunomide	<input type="checkbox"/> Penicillamine <input type="checkbox"/> Methroxate	
Immunomodulators	<input type="checkbox"/> Abatacept <input type="checkbox"/> Certolizumab pegol <input type="checkbox"/> Infliximab	<input type="checkbox"/> Rituximab <input type="checkbox"/> Adalimumab <input type="checkbox"/> Etanercept <input type="checkbox"/> Sarilumab	<input type="checkbox"/> Tocilizumab <input type="checkbox"/> Anakinra <input type="checkbox"/> Golimumab
Immunosuppressive agents	<input type="checkbox"/> Azathioprine <input type="checkbox"/> Mycophenolic acid	<input type="checkbox"/> Cyclosporine	<input type="checkbox"/> Mycophenolate mofetil
Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitor	<input type="checkbox"/> Tofacitinib <input type="checkbox"/> Upadacitinib	Baricitnib	
Tetracyclines	<input type="checkbox"/> Minocycline		

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