BRITISH COLUMBIA | Ministry of Health

SPECIAL AUTHORITY REQUEST
TARGETED DMARDs FOR RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS
RENEWAL / DOSING ADJUSTMENT

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Fax requests to 1-800-609-4884 (toll free) OR mail requests to: PharmaCare, Box 9652 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P4
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SECTION 1 – PRESCRIBING RHEUMATOLOGIST'S INFORMATION

Name and Mailing Address	
College ID (use ONLY College ID number)	Phone Number (include area code)
CRITICAL FOR A TIMELY RESPONSE →	Rheumatologist's Fax Number

SECTION 2 – PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient (Family) Name	
Patient (Given) Name(s)	
Date of Birth (YYYY / MM / DD)	Date of Application (YYYY / MM / DD)
CRITICAL FOR PROCESSING →	Personal Health Number (PHN)

SECTION 3 – MEDICATION REQUESTED *(all targeted DMARDs are more efficacious when combined with a DMARD, such as methotrexate)*

Requested Dose and Interval

_____ mg, every: _____

Patient's Body Weight (if significantly changed)

_____ kg

◯ **ABATACEPT:** Subcutaneous 125 mg weekly
Intravenous: weight <60 kg: 500 mg, 60-100 kg: 750 mg
>100 kg: 1000 mg every 4 weeks
◯ **Indefinite coverage**
OR ◯ **Renewal of three years**
OR ◯ **Renewal of one year**

◯ **ADALIMUMAB:** Abrilada®, Amgevita®, Hadlima®, Hulio®, Hyrimoz®, Idacio®, Simlandi™, Yuflyma®
40 mg every two weeks
◯ **Indefinite coverage**
OR ◯ **Renewal of three years**
OR ◯ **Renewal of one year**

◯ **CERTOLIZUMAB:** 200 mg every other week or 400 mg every 4 weeks
◯ **Indefinite coverage**
OR ◯ **Renewal of three years**
OR ◯ **Renewal of one year**

◯ **ETANERCEPT:** Brenzys®, Erelzi®, Rymti®
total dose of 50 mg weekly
◯ **Indefinite coverage**
OR ◯ **Renewal of three years**
OR ◯ **Renewal of one year**

◯ **GOLIMUMAB:** 50 mg SC. once per month in combination with a csDMARD
◯ **Renewal of one year**

◯ **INFLIXIMAB IV:** Avsola®, Inflectra®, Renflexis®
3 mg/kg IV every 8 weeks in combination with a csDMARD
◯ **Indefinite coverage**
OR ◯ **Renewal of three years**
OR ◯ **Renewal of one year**

◯ **INFLIXIMAB SC:** Remsima™ SC
Infliximab SC 120 mg once every 2 weeks in combination with a csDMARD
◯ **Renewal of one year**

◯ **SARILUMAB:** 200 mg every 2 weeks or 150 mg every 2 weeks
◯ **Renewal of one year**

◯ **TOCILIZUMAB:** Intravenous: 4-8 mg/kg every 4 weeks (Max Dose 800 mg)
Subcutaneous: 162 mg every other week
Subcutaneous: 162 mg weekly
◯ **Indefinite coverage**
OR ◯ **Renewal of three years**
OR ◯ **Renewal of one year**

◯ **TOFACITINIB:** 5 mg twice daily or 11 mg XR once daily
◯ **Indefinite coverage**
OR ◯ **Renewal of three years**
OR ◯ **Renewal of one year**

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STATUS	EFFECTIVE DATE (YYYY / MM / DD)	DURATION OF APPROVAL

PATIENT (FAMILY) NAME	PATIENT (GIVEN) NAME(S)	PERSONAL HEALTH NUMBER (PHN)

SECTION 4 – CURRENT CLINICAL INFORMATION

68 JOINT COUNT: No. of Swollen Joints	No. of Tender Joints	ESR or CRP	Duration of Morning Stiffness	Dose of Prednisone

Physician Overall Assessment of Inflammation
(scale of 0 -10) 0 = remission, 10 = severe active disease

☐ Attached: Health Assessment Questionnaire (HAQ) completed by patient

CONCURRENT DMARD THERAPY:

OR

☐ MARK HERE IF NONE AND SPECIFY REASONS FOR MONTHERAPY IN SECTION 5.

DRUG	DOSE	ROUTE	FREQUENCY

SECTION 5 – NOTES (additional comments regarding patient's current medical status as applicable)

If patient's concurrent csDMARD has been discontinued, please give explanation below.

Report all adverse events to the post-market surveillance program, Canada Vigilance, toll-free 1-866-234-2345 (health professionals only).

SECTION 7 – RHEUMATOLOGIST'S SIGNATURE

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I have discussed with the patient that the purpose of releasing their information to PharmaCare is to obtain Special Authority for prescription coverage and for the purposes set out here.

Rheumatologist's Signature (Mandatory)

PharmaCare may request additional documentation to support this Special Authority request.
Actual reimbursement is subject to the rules of a patient's PharmaCare plan, including any annual deductible requirement, and to any other applicable PharmaCare pricing policy.

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