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Forms with information missing will be returned for completion. If no prescriber fax or mailing address is provided, PharmaCare will be unable to return a response.

SECTION 1 – RHEUMATOLOGIST INFORMATION

Form for Section 1: Prescriber's Name and Mailing Address, Mail Confirmation, College ID, MSP Number, Phone Number, Prescriber's Fax Number, and Critical for a Timely Response indicator.

SECTION 2 – PATIENT INFORMATION

Form for Section 2: Patient (Family) Name, Patient (Given) Name(s), Date of Birth, Date of Application, Personal Health Number (PHN), and Critical for Processing indicator.

SECTION 3 – CURRENT CLINICAL INFORMATION

Form for Section 3: Medication Requested (Adalimumab, Certolizumab, Etanercept, Golimumab, Infliximab, Inflectra, Renflexis, Secukinumab), Year of Diagnosis, Weight, ESR/CRP, Morning Stiffness, and Physician Global Assessment of Inflammation.

CURRENT MEDICATIONS (DMARDs, anti-inflammatories, corticosteroids, analgesics, opioids)

Table with 3 columns: DRUG, DOSE, FREQUENCY. Includes empty rows for data entry.

SECTION 4 – MOST RECENT TARGETED DMARD AND REASON FOR DISCONTINUATION

Form for Section 4: Additional information regarding prior targeted DMARD trial(s) will be requested if required. Includes columns for Name, Dose & Frequency, Approx. Duration of Use, Failure Type, and Side Effect(s).

\* Never achieving a 20% improvement

\*\* At least 20% improvement in first 12 weeks of a TNF inhibitor (24 weeks for abatacept and rituximab) but loss of benefit

PHARMACARE USE ONLY

Please complete additional information on page 2 >>

Form for Pharmacare Use Only: STATUS, EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION OF THERAPY / TERMINATION DATE.

# TARGETED DMARDS FOR PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS

PATIENT NAME	PHN	DATE (YYYY / MM / DD)
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## SECTION 5 - CRITERIA FOR COVERAGE OF ONE YEAR – Patient must meet criteria in A, B, C and D below

**A** Current Status Of Cutaneous Psoriasis:  none  mild  moderate  severe

- B**  Diagnosis of moderate to severe psoriatic arthritis, where patient currently exhibits at least **two** of the following (please indicate all that apply):
- Five or more active joints (**if yes, complete homunculus below**).
  - If oligoarticular (less than five joints), at least one active joint proximal to, or including, wrist or ankle (**if yes, complete homunculus below**).
  - More than one joint with erosion on imaging study.
  - Dactylitis of two or more digits (**indicate by arrow and "D" on homunculus below**).
  - Tenosynovitis refractory to oral NSAIDs AND steroid injections (**indicate by arrow and "TS" on homunculus below**).
  - Enthesitis refractory to oral NSAIDs AND steroid injections (not required for Achilles tendon) (**indicate by arrow and "E" on homunculus below**).
  - Inflammatory spinal symptoms refractory to two NSAIDs (minimum 4 week trial each) and submit a BASDAI with a score greater than 4.
  - Daily use of corticosteroids to control active arthritis.
  - Use of narcotics >12 hours per day for pain resulting from inflammation.

Specify drug and daily dose \_\_\_\_\_

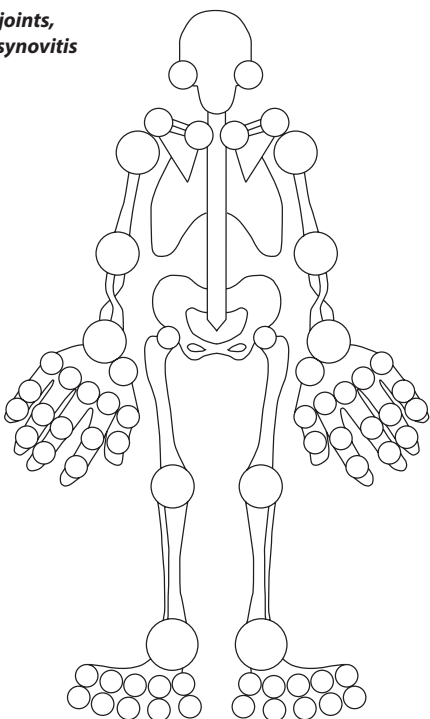
**C**  Functional assessment completed by patient and attached.  
 Health Assessment Questionnaire (HAQ) **AND/OR**  BASDAI (in spinal disease)

**D**  Patient has failed two or more DMARDs:

	DOSE	FREQUENCY	DURATION	RESPONSE/ADVERSE EVENT
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfasalazine (if allergic, must have failed <b>two</b> of the medications listed below).				
<input type="checkbox"/> Methotrexate: up to 25 mg (15 mg if over 65 years) parenteral weekly				
<input type="checkbox"/> IM gold				
<input type="checkbox"/> Chloroquine and/or hydroxychloroquine				
<input type="checkbox"/> Leflunomide				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyclosporine				
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)				

### HOMUNCULUS

Indicate active joints, dactylitis, tenosynovitis and enthesitis



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

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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.

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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.*