



DMARD Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis



Goals of DMARD Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis

DMARDs are designed to slow the damage done to joints, reduce the frequency of disease flare-ups, and allow for tapering of steroids while sustaining disease control.

Measure: DMARD Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

Measure Detail:

Patients with an active diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, age 18 to 81 AND have received at least one fill of a DMARD during the measurement year are included.

Exclusions:

- ◆ Hospice Care
- ◆ Living in a facility or SNF
- ◆ Diagnosis of HIV
- ◆ Pregnancy during the measurement year

Goal: The goal of this measure is to ensure patients prescribed a DMARD receive routine check ups and regularly filled prescriptions.

DMARD Overview

Disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARD) are indicated for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and many other autoimmune disorders.

DMARD Therapy Examples

- ◆ Aminoquinolines
- ◆ 5-Aminosalicylates
- ◆ Anti-rheumatics
- ◆ Immunomodulators
- ◆ Immunosuppressive agents
- ◆ Tetracyclines
- ◆ Janus Kinase (JAK) Inhibitor