



We improve patient's outcome through customized pharmacy services and personalized care. Our team of experts and health professionals will help you and your patients manage complex and chronic health conditions.

Rheumatoid Arthritis

Rheumatoid Arthritis is one of several "autoimmune" diseases so called because a person's immune system attacks his or her own body tissues. RA can be caused by a number of genetic, environmental, or hormonal factors. RA is one of the most common forms of Arthritis. It affects the entire body causing joint stiffness, pain, redness and swelling. It affects about 2.1 million adults or 1.0% of the population in the United States.

The treatment for Rheumatoid Arthritis by medication has some common goals:

- Relieve pain
- Reduce inflammation
- Slow down, or stop joint damage
- Improve a person's sense of well-being and ability to function

The last medical approach, especially for patients with severe, rapidly progressing Rheumatoid Arthritis, includes treatment with more powerful drugs, such as disease-modifying *antirheumatic drugs*, or *DMARDs*, which are used to try to slow the course of the disease. This change is based on the belief that early treatment with more powerful drugs, and the use of drug combinations in place of single drugs, may be more effective ways to halt the progression of the disease and reduce or prevent joint damage.

Superior Specialty Pharmacy Offers:

- Support when administering DMARD's medications
- Empathy when dealing with emotional and social issues that are created due to the illness
- Monitor and refill compliance during the course of treatment
- Free and convenient delivery of patient's medication and ancillary supplies to your office or their home
- Financial Assistance Programs
- Benefits coordination and Prior Authorization initiation and completion
- Complete inventory – we have access to every available medication including Enbrel®, Humira®, Remicade®, Kineret®, Orencia®, Rituxan®, and Simponi®.

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