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N&WICS - TA195 - Rituximab - Rheumatoid Arthritis		
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Patient NHS No:	**Trust:**	**Practice Name:**
Patient Hospital No:	**Consultant Making Request:**	**Practice Postcode:**
Patient's Initials and DoB:		**Practice Code:**
Notification Email Address: (@NHS.net account ONLY)		**Contact name & number:**
Start date of requested treatment:	**Provider:** ☐ Private ☐ NHS **Supplier:** ☐ Homecare ☐ Hospital	**Sub-Type:** (if applicable) N/A
By completing this form, you confirm that you intend to use the requested medicinal product described below as agreed in the local commissioning statement. Any requests which fall outside of this use will require an individual funding request (IFR). For support regarding IFRs, please contact: norfolkicd@nhs.net For support regarding the criteria listed below, please contact: norfolknontariff@nhs.net		

Please indicate whether patient meets the following NICE criteria:	Please tick
1. Rituximab in combination with methotrexate is recommended as an option for the treatment of adults with severe active rheumatoid arthritis who have had an inadequate response to, or are intolerant of, other disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs), including at least one tumour necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor. Treatment with rituximab should be given no more frequently than every 6 months.	☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Treatment with rituximab in combination with methotrexate should be continued only if there is an adequate response following initiation of therapy and if an adequate response is maintained following retreatment with a dosing interval of at least 6 months. An adequate response is defined as an improvement in disease activity score (DAS28) of 1.2 points or more.	☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Adalimumab, etanercept, infliximab and abatacept, each in combination with methotrexate, are recommended as treatment options only for adults with severe active rheumatoid arthritis who have had an inadequate response to, or have an intolerance of, other DMARDs, including at least one TNF inhibitor, and who cannot receive rituximab therapy because they have a contraindication to rituximab, or when rituximab is withdrawn because of an adverse event.	☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Adalimumab monotherapy and etanercept monotherapy are recommended as treatment options for adults with severe active rheumatoid arthritis who have had an inadequate response to, or have an intolerance of, other DMARDs, including at least one TNF inhibitor, and who cannot receive rituximab therapy because they have a contraindication to methotrexate, or when methotrexate is withdrawn because of an adverse event.	☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Treatment with adalimumab, etanercept, infliximab and abatacept should be continued only if there is an adequate response (as defined in 1.2) 6 months after initiation of therapy. Treatment should be monitored, with assessment of DAS28, at least every 6 months and continued only if an adequate response is maintained.	☐ Yes ☐ No
6. When using DAS28, healthcare professionals should take into account any physical, sensory or learning disabilities, communication difficulties, or disease characteristics that could adversely affect patient assessment and make any adjustments they consider appropriate.	☐ Yes ☐ No
7. A team experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and working under the supervision of a rheumatologist should initiate, supervise and assess response to treatment with rituximab,	☐ Yes ☐ No

adalimumab, etanercept, infliximab or abatacept.	
I confirm that the patient meets the criteria for treatment Name of person completing: Designation of person completing:	 Contact Details: Date:
Trust Authorising Pharmacist Name: Date:	