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**N&WICS - TA383 - Infliximab - Ankylosing spondylitis**

Before providing patient identifiable data on this form, please confirm that the patient (or in the case of a minor or vulnerable adult with the parent/legal guardian/carer) has given appropriate explicit consent for sensitive personal information on this form to be passed to the CCG and/or CSU for processing this funding request and validating subsequent invoices. Consent given: ☐

If there is more than one NICE-approved treatment available, a discussion between the responsible clinician and the patient has taken place about the advantages and disadvantages of the treatments available. This has taken into consideration therapeutic need and whether or not the patient is likely to adhere to treatment. The most appropriate, least expensive, will be chosen (taking into account administration costs, dosage and price per dose) unless an order of preference is stated in the TAs. ☐

<b>Patient NHS No:</b>	<b>Trust:</b>	<b>Practice Name:</b>
<b>Patient Hospital No:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Consultant Making Request:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Practice Postcode:</b>
<b>Patient's Initials and DoB:</b>		<b>Practice Code:</b>
<b>Notification Email Address:</b> <input type="text"/> (@NHS.net account ONLY)		<b>Contact name &amp; number:</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Start date of requested treatment:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Provider:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> NHS <b>Supplier:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Homecare <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital	<b>Sub-Type:</b> <input type="text"/> N/A <input type="button" value="v"/> (if applicable)

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).

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<b>Please indicate whether patient meets the following NICE criteria:</b>	<b>Please tick</b>
1. Infliximab is recommended, within its marketing authorisations, as an option for treating severe active ankylosing spondylitis in adults whose disease has responded inadequately to, or who cannot tolerate, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.  • Infliximab is recommended only if treatment is started with the least expensive infliximab product.  • People currently receiving infliximab should be able to continue treatment with the same infliximab product until they and their NHS clinician consider it appropriate to stop.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. The choice of treatment should be made after discussion between the clinician and the patient about the advantages and disadvantages of the treatments available. This may include considering associated conditions such as extra-articular manifestations. If more than 1 treatment is suitable, the least expensive (taking into account administration costs and patient access schemes) should be chosen.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. The response should be assessed 12 weeks after the start of treatment. Treatment should only be continued if there is clear evidence of response, defined as:  • a reduction in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) score to 50% of the pre-treatment value or by 2 or more units and  • a reduction in the spinal pain visual analogue scale (VAS) by 2 cm or more.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Treatment with another tumour necrosis factor (TNF) -alpha inhibitor is recommended for people who cannot tolerate, or whose disease has not responded to, treatment with the first TNF-alpha inhibitor, or whose disease has stopped responding after an initial response.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. When using BASDAI and spinal pain VAS scores, healthcare professionals should take into account any physical, sensory or learning disabilities, or communication difficulties that could affect the responses to the questionnaires, and make any adjustments they consider appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. As per NICE guidance, treatment should normally be started with the least expensive drug (considering the dose required, price per dose and any additional administration costs).	

<p>Please confirm that the choice of drug is considered the most cost-effective treatment for this individual patient, noting that alternative treatment options recommended by NICE may be lower in cost, including the use of biosimilar medications if applicable.</p> <p>Where an alternative lower cost treatment is available and has not been tried by the patient, please confirm that the clinical rationale for prescribing has been included in the patients' medical record for the purpose of auditing.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. The product is being used as described by local commissioning position.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>I confirm that the patient meets the criteria for treatment</b>	
Name of person completing: <input type="text"/>	Contact Details: <input type="text"/>
Designation of person completing: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>
Trust Authorising Pharmacist	
Name: <input type="text"/>	
Date: <input type="text"/>	