Flow chart for AS DMARD exposure episode cohort

*(n’s refer to people with at least one eligible exposure episode)*

Nmarketscan =1,799

NMPCD =421

NMedicare =4,231

Excluded due to biologic use within 183 days before initiation

Nmarketscan =1,178

NMPCD =250

NMedicare =1,239

Excluded due to without 183 days observable prior to initiation

Nmarketscan =1,230

NMPCD =240

NMedicare =3,106

Nmarketscan =2,977

NMPCD =671

NMedicare =5,470

With at least one initiation of DMARDS after AS date

Nmarketscan =4,207

NMPCD =911

NMedicare =8,576