Rheumatology

Common Rheumatology Medications						
Medication	Indication	MOA	SE			
Hydroxychloroquine	JDMS, SLE, Sjogren's	Alters pH of lysosomes, decreasing immune recognition of autoantigens	Retinopathy, N/V, alopecia, hemolytic anemia in G6PD deficiency			
Azathioprine	DM/PM, SLE, vasculitis	Antimetabolite	Bruising, myelosupp, lymphoproliferative d/o			
Methotrexate	RA, JIA, Psoriatic arthritis, JDM, vasculitis	Dihydrofolate reductase inhibitor	Hepatotoxicity, Stomatitis, Pancytopenias, ILD, Alopecia, Fever			
Sulfasalazine	RA, JIA, UC, Crohn's	TNF and IL-1 suppressor	Hepatotoxicity, SJS, Stomatitis, Hemolytic anemia			
Leflunomide	RA, JIA, Psor. arthritis	Pyrimidine synthesis inhibitor	Hepatotoxcity, Cytopenias			
Abatacept, Rituximab, Tocilizumab	RA, SLE neph, GPA, MPA, RA	Non-TNF biologics	Increased infections due to Immunosuppression, HA, N/V, HTN, infusion reaction, fever, rash, PML			
Adalimumab, Etanercept, Infliximab	RA, JIA, Psoriatic arthritis, AS psoriasis, IBD, vasculitis (TA, DADA2)	TNF inhibitors	Infection, Reactivation of TB, Demyelination, CHF, Malignancy			
Cyclophosphamide	Vasculitis, scleroderma, ILD	Alkylating agent	Immunosuppression, Hemorrhagic cystitis, Cancer (esp skin, bladder)			

Vasculitis							
Vasculitides by Vessel Size							
	Age	Symptoms/Signs	Biopsy/Labs	Treatment			
Large Vessel							
Temporal (Giant Cell) Arteritis	Only age > 40 yoCarotid arteries	Unilat. HeadacheJaw claudicationPolymyalgia rheumatica	Elevated ESRGranulomatousinflammation	High-dose steroids anti-IL6 biologics			
Takayasu's arteritis	Asian Females Aortic arch	Pulseless Disease"Fever, night sweat, arthritis, weight loss, fatigue	Elevated ESR	Steroids			
Medium Vessel							
Polyarteritis nodosa	Young adultsImmune complex	Constitutional symptoms Renal failure, acute MI, bloody diarrhea, peripheral neuropathy.	Transmural fibrinoid necrosis	Steroidsanti-TNF biologicsAnti-metabolites			