

Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug (DMARD) Therapy

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with rheumatoid arthritis — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were diagnosed with RA and were prescribed¹, dispensed, or administered at least one ambulatory prescription for a DMARD²

What will you need to report for each patient with RA for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- Whether or not the patient was prescribed, dispensed, or administered a DMARD

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to prescribe, dispense, or administer a DMARD, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).

¹“Prescribed” includes patients who are currently receiving medication(s) that follow the treatment plan recommended at an encounter during the reporting period, even if the prescription for that medication was ordered prior to the encounter.

²Biologic DMARD Therapy — Includes Adalimumab, Etanercept, Infliximab, Abatacept, Anakinra and Rituximab.