

Golimumab for treating active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis

Information for the public

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Golimumab is available on the NHS. It is a possible treatment for treating active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis in adults, if:

- the condition has a Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index score of 4 units or more and a spinal visual analogue scale of 4 cm or more
- treatment with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs has not worked or is not suitable.

Treatment should be assessed after 12 weeks and should only continue if there is clear evidence that it is working.

Is this treatment right for me?

Your healthcare professionals should give you clear information, talk with you about your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. Read more about [making decisions about your care](#).

Questions to think about

- How well does it work compared with other treatments?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- How will the treatment affect my day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have treatment? Are there other treatments available?

Information and support

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [National Ankylosing Spondylitis Society](#) (NASS), 0208 741 1515
- [Arthritis Action](#), 0203 781 7120
- [Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Alliance](#) (ARMA), 0203 856 1978
- [Arthritis Care](#), 0808 800 4050
- [Arthritis Research UK](#), 0300 790 0400

You can also get support from your local [Healthwatch](#).

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