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Rheumatoid arthritis: register

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Indicator

The practice can produce a register of all patients aged 16 years and over with rheumatoid arthritis.

Indicator type

General practice indicator suitable for use in the Quality and Outcomes Framework.

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Rationale

An accurate register is a prerequisite to ensuring proactive engagement with patients with a defined condition.

Early identification of recent-onset rheumatoid arthritis is important because long-term outcomes are improved if disease modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) treatment is started shortly after the onset of symptoms.

Source guidance

Rheumatoid arthritis in adults: management. NICE guideline NG100 (2018, updated 2020)

Specification

A register of people with a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis.

Exclusions: Patients aged 15 years and under.

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to assess performance at individual general practice level.

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