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**Initial application — Behcet’s disease – severe**

Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita) and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen

- and  Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita
- and  Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication
- and  Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Renewal — Behcet’s disease – severe**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has had a good clinical response to treatment with measurably improved quality of life
- and  Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Initial application — Hidradenitis suppurativa**

Applications only from a dermatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a dermatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita) and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen

- and  Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita
- and  Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication
- and  Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 7 days. Fortnightly dosing has been considered

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**Renewal — Hidradenitis suppurativa**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a dermatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a dermatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has a reduction in active lesions (e.g. inflammatory nodules, abscesses, draining fistulae) of 25% or more from baseline
- and
- The patient has a Dermatology Quality of Life Index improvement of 4 or more from baseline
- and
- Adalimumab is to be administered at doses no greater than 40mg every 7 days. Fortnightly dosing has been considered

**Initial application — Psoriasis - severe chronic plaque**

Applications only from a dermatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a dermatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita) and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen
- and
- Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita
- and
- Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication
- and
- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

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**Renewal — Psoriasis - severe chronic plaque**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a dermatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a dermatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient had "whole body" severe chronic plaque psoriasis at the start of treatment  |
| <b>and</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Following each prior adalimumab treatment course the patient has a PASI score which is reduced by 75% or more, or is sustained at this level, when compared with the pre-adalimumab treatment baseline value  |
| <b>or</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Following each prior adalimumab treatment course the patient has a Dermatology Quality of Life Index (DLQI) improvement of 5 or more, when compared with the pre-treatment baseline value   |
| <b>or</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient had severe chronic plaque psoriasis of the face, or palm of a hand or sole of a foot at the start of treatment  |
| <b>and</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Following each prior adalimumab treatment course the patient has a reduction in the PASI symptom subscores for all 3 of erythema, thickness and scaling, to slight or better, or sustained at this level, as compared to the treatment course baseline values |
| <b>or</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Following each prior adalimumab treatment course the patient has a reduction of 75% or more in the skin area affected, or sustained at this level, as compared to the pre-adalimumab treatment baseline value   |
| <b>and</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days  |

**Initial application — Pyoderma gangrenosum**

Applications only from a dermatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment  |
| <b>or</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita) and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen |
| <b>and</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita  |
| <b>and</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication  |
| <b>and</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A maximum of 8 doses  |

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**Renewal — Pyoderma gangrenosum**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a dermatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has demonstrated clinical improvement and continues to require treatment  
**and**  
 A maximum of 8 doses

**Initial application — Crohn's disease - adult**

Applications only from a gastroenterologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a gastroenterologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita  
**or**  
 Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen  
**or**  
 Patient has Crohn's and is considered to be at risk of disease destabilisation if there were to be a change to current treatment  
**and**  
 Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication  
**and**  
 Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Renewal — Crohn's disease - adult**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a gastroenterologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a gastroenterologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- CDAI score has reduced by 100 points from the CDAI score when the patient was initiated on adalimumab  
**or**  
 CDAI score is 150 or less  
**or**  
 The patient has demonstrated an adequate response to treatment, but CDAI score cannot be assessed  
**and**  
 Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

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**Initial application — Crohn's disease - children**

Applications only from a gastroenterologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a gastroenterologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen
- or
- Patient has Crohn's and is considered to be at risk of disease destabilisation if there were to be a change to current treatment

- and
- Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication
- and
- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Renewal — Crohn's disease - children**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a gastroenterologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a gastroenterologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- PCDAI score has reduced by 10 points from the PCDAI score when the patient was initiated on adalimumab
- or
- PCDAI score is 15 or less
- or
- The patient has demonstrated an adequate response to treatment, but PCDAI score cannot be assessed

- and
- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Initial application — Crohn's disease - fistulising**

Applications only from a gastroenterologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a gastroenterologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen
- or
- Patient has Crohn's and is considered to be at risk of disease destabilisation if there were to be a change to current treatment

- and
- Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication
- and
- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

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**Renewal — Crohn’s disease - fistulising**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a gastroenterologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a gastroenterologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The number of open draining fistulae have decreased from baseline by at least 50%
- or
- There has been a marked reduction in drainage of all fistula(e) from baseline as demonstrated by a reduction in the Fistula Assessment score, together with less induration and patient-reported pain

- and
- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Initial application — Ocular inflammation – chronic**

Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid for 12 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with Amgevita, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen
- or
- Patient has uveitis and is considered to be at risk of vision loss if they were to change treatment

- and
- Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication

- and
- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

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**Renewal — Ocular inflammation – chronic**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid for 12 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has had a good clinical response following 12 weeks' initial treatment
- or
- Following each 12-month treatment period, the patient has had a sustained reduction in inflammation (Standardisation of Uveitis Nomenclature (SUN) criteria < ½+ anterior chamber or vitreous cells, absence of active vitreous or retinal lesions, or resolution of uveitic cystoid macular oedema)
- or
- Following each 12-month treatment period, the patient has a sustained steroid sparing effect, allowing reduction in prednisone to < 10mg daily, or steroid drops less than twice daily if under 18 years old

and

- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Initial application — Ocular inflammation – severe**

Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid for 12 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with Amgevita, and a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen
- or
- Patient has uveitis and is considered to be at risk of vision loss if they were to change treatment

and

- Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication

and

- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

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**Adalimumab (Humira - Alternative brand) - continued**

**Renewal — Ocular inflammation – severe**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid for 12 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has had a good clinical response following 3 initial doses
- or
- Following each 12-month treatment period, the patient has had a sustained reduction in inflammation (Standardisation of Uveitis Nomenclature (SUN) criteria < ½+ anterior chamber or vitreous cells, absence of active vitreous or retinal lesions, or resolution of uveitic cystoid macular oedema)
- or
- Following each 12-month treatment period, the patient has a sustained steroid sparing effect, allowing reduction in prednisone to < 10mg daily, or steroid drops less than twice daily if under 18 years old

and

- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Initial application — ankylosing spondylitis**

Applications only from a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita)

and

- Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita

and

- Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication

and

- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Renewal — ankylosing spondylitis**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- Treatment has resulted in an improvement in BASDAI of 4 or more points from pre-treatment baseline on a 10 point scale, or an improvement in BASDAI of 50%, whichever is less

and

- Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

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**Initial application — Arthritis – oligoarticular course juvenile idiopathic**

Applications only from a named specialist, rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a named specialist or rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita) and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen

and

- Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita

and

- Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication

**Renewal — Arthritis – oligoarticular course juvenile idiopathic**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a named specialist, rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a named specialist or rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick box where appropriate)

- The patient demonstrates at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count and continued improvement in physician's global assessment from baseline

**Initial application — Arthritis - polyarticular course juvenile idiopathic**

Applications only from a named specialist, rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a named specialist or rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment
- or
- Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita) and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen

and

- Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita

and

- Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication

**Renewal — Arthritis - polyarticular course juvenile idiopathic**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a named specialist, rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a named specialist or rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick box where appropriate)

- The patient demonstrates at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count and continued improvement in physician's global assessment from baseline

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**Initial application — Arthritis - psoriatic**  
Applications only from a named specialist, rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a named specialist or rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment

or

Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita) and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen

and

Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita

and

Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication

and

Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Renewal — Arthritis - psoriatic**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a named specialist, rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a named specialist or rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

The patient demonstrates at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to prior adalimumab treatment in the opinion of the treating physician

and

Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**Initial application — Arthritis – rheumatoid**  
Applications only from a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment

or

Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita) and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen

and

Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita

and

Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication

and

Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

or

Patient cannot take concomitant methotrexate and requires doses of adalimumab higher than 40 mg every 14 days to maintain an adequate response

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**Adalimumab (Humira - Alternative brand) - continued**

**Renewal — Arthritis – rheumatoid**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

The patient demonstrates at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to prior adalimumab treatment in the opinion of the treating physician

**and**

Adalimumab to be administered at doses no greater than 40 mg every 14 days

**or**

Patient cannot take concomitant methotrexate and requires doses of adalimumab higher than 40 mg every 14 days to maintain an adequate response

**Initial application — Still’s disease – adult-onset (AOSD)**

Applications only from a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab (Amgevita) following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment

**or**

Patient has developed symptoms of loss of disease control following a minimum of 4 weeks treatment with adalimumab (Amgevita) and clinician attributes this loss of disease response to a change in treatment regimen

**and**

Patient has received a maximum of 6 months treatment with Amgevita

**and**

Patient has previously had a Special Authority approval for the Humira brand of adalimumab for this indication

**Renewal — Still’s disease – adult-onset (AOSD)**

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick box where appropriate)

The patient has demonstrated a sustained improvement in inflammatory markers and functional status

**I confirm the above details are correct and that in signing this form I understand I may be audited.**

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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