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**Tocilizumab**

**Initial application — cytokine release syndrome**

Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid without further renewal unless notified.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- The patient is enrolled in the Children’s Oncology Group AALL1731 trial
- and**
- The patient has developed grade 3 or 4 cytokine release syndrome associated with the administration of blinatumomab for the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
- and**
- Tocilizumab is to be administered at doses no greater than 8 mg/kg IV for a maximum of 3 doses (if less than 30kg, maximum of 12 mg/kg)

**or**

- The patient is enrolled in the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research ENABLE trial programme
- and**
- The patient has developed CRS or Immune Effector Cell-Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome (ICANS) following CAR T-cell therapy for the treatment of relapsed or refractory B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- and**
- Tocilizumab is to be administered according to the consensus guidelines for CRS or ICANS for CAR T-cell therapy at doses no greater than 8 mg/kg IV for a maximum of 3 doses

**Initial application — previous use**

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

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

- Patient was being treated with tocilizumab prior to 1 February 2019
- and**
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- or**
- Systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis
- or**
- Adult-onset Still’s disease
- or**
- Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis
- or**
- Idiopathic multicentric Castleman’s disease

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**Initial application — Rheumatoid Arthritis (patients previously treated with adalimumab or etanercept)**

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

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	The patient has had an initial Special Authority approval for adalimumab and/or etanercept for rheumatoid arthritis
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab and/or etanercept
<b>or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The patient has received insufficient benefit from at least a three-month trial of adalimumab and/or etanercept such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for rheumatoid arthritis
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The patient is seronegative for both anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (CCP) antibodies and rheumatoid factor
<b>or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The patient has been started on rituximab for rheumatoid arthritis in a Health NZ Hospital
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from rituximab
<b>or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	At four months following the initial course of rituximab the patient has received insufficient benefit such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for rheumatoid arthritis

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**Initial application — Rheumatoid Arthritis**

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**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has had severe and active erosive rheumatoid arthritis (either confirmed by radiology imaging, or the patient is cyclic citrullinated peptide (CCP) antibody positive) for six months duration or longer
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tocilizumab is to be used as monotherapy
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment with methotrexate is contraindicated
<b>or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has tried and did not tolerate oral and/or parenteral methotrexate
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has tried and not responded to at least three months therapy at the maximum tolerated dose of ciclosporin alone or in combination with another agent
<b>or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has tried and not responded to at least three months therapy at the maximum tolerated dose of leflunomide alone or in combination with another agent
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has persistent symptoms of poorly controlled and active disease in at least 20 active, swollen, tender joints
<b>or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has persistent symptoms of poorly controlled and active disease in at least four active joints from the following: wrist, elbow, knee, ankle, and either shoulder or hip
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has a C-reactive protein level greater than 15 mg/L measured no more than one month prior to the date of this application
<b>or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-reactive protein levels not measured as patient is currently receiving prednisone therapy at a dose of greater than 5 mg per day and has done so for more than three months

**Initial application — systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis**

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

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient diagnosed with systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has tried and not responded to a reasonable trial of all of the following, either alone or in combination: oral or parenteral methotrexate; non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); and systemic corticosteroids

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**Initial application — adult-onset Still's disease**

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 had an initial Special Authority approval for adalimumab and/or etanercept for adult-onset Still's disease (AOSD)  
**or**  
 The patient has been started on tocilizumab for AOSD in a Health NZ Hospital

**and**

The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab and/or etanercept  
**or**  
 The patient has received insufficient benefit from at least a three-month trial of adalimumab and/or etanercept such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for AOSD

**or**

Patient diagnosed with AOSD according to the Yamaguchi criteria (J Rheumatol 1992;19:424-430)  
**and**  
 Patient has tried and not responded to at least 6 months of glucocorticosteroids at a dose of at least 0.5 mg/kg, non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and methotrexate  
**and**  
 Patient has persistent symptoms of disabling poorly controlled and active disease

**Initial application — polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis**

Applications only from a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 4 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

The patient has had an initial Special Authority approval for both etanercept and adalimumab for polyarticular course juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)  
**and**  
 The patient has experienced intolerable side effects, or has received insufficient benefit from, both etanercept and adalimumab

**or**

Treatment with a tumour necrosis factor alpha inhibitor is contraindicated  
**and**  
 Patient has had polyarticular course JIA for 6 months duration or longer  
**and**  
 To be used as an adjunct to methotrexate therapy or monotherapy where use of methotrexate is limited by toxicity or intolerance  
**and**

At least 5 active joints and at least 3 joints with limited range of motion, pain or tenderness after a 3-month trial of methotrexate (at the maximum tolerated dose)  
**or**  
 Moderate or high disease activity (cJADAS10 score of at least 2.5) after a 3-month trial of methotrexate (at the maximum tolerated dose)  
**or**  
 Low disease activity (cJADAS10 score between 1.1 and 2.5) after a 6-month trial of methotrexate

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**Initial application — idiopathic multicentric Castleman’s disease**

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

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has severe HHV-8 negative idiopathic multicentric Castleman’s disease
and	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment with an adequate trial of corticosteroids has proven ineffective
and	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tocilizumab to be administered at doses no greater than 8 mg/kg IV every 3-4 weeks

**Initial application — moderate to severe COVID-19**

Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid for 4 weeks.

**Prerequisites**(tick boxes where appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient has confirmed (or probable) COVID-19
and	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxygen saturation of < 92% on room air, or requiring supplemental oxygen
and	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient is receiving adjunct systemic corticosteroids, or systemic corticosteroids are contraindicated
and	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tocilizumab is to be administered at doses no greater than 8mg/kg IV for a maximum of one dose
and	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tocilizumab is not to be administered in combination with baricitinib

**Renewal — Rheumatoid Arthritis**

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)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Following 6 months’ initial treatment, the patient has at least a 50% decrease in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to treatment in the opinion of the physician
or	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	On subsequent reapplications, the patient demonstrates at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to treatment in the opinion of the physician

**Renewal — systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis**

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)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Following up to 6 months’ initial treatment, the patient has achieved at least an American College of Rheumatology paediatric 30% improvement criteria (ACR Pedi 30) response from baseline
or	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	On subsequent reapplications, the patient demonstrates at least a continuing ACR Pedi 30 response from baseline

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**Renewal — adult-onset Still’s disease**

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 a sustained improvement in inflammatory markers and functional status

**Renewal — polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis**

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)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment is to be used as an adjunct to methotrexate therapy or monotherapy where use of methotrexate is limited by toxicity or intolerance
<b>and</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Following 3 to 4 months' initial treatment, the patient has at least a 50% decrease in active joint count and an improvement in physician's global assessment from baseline
<b>or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	On subsequent reapplications, the patient demonstrates at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count and continued improvement in physician's global assessment from baseline

**Renewal — idiopathic multicentric Castleman’s disease**

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

Applications only from a haematologist, rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a haematologist or rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 12 months.

**Prerequisites**(tick box where appropriate)

- The treatment remains appropriate and the patient has a sustained improvement in inflammatory markers and functional status

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