

The following apply throughout management:

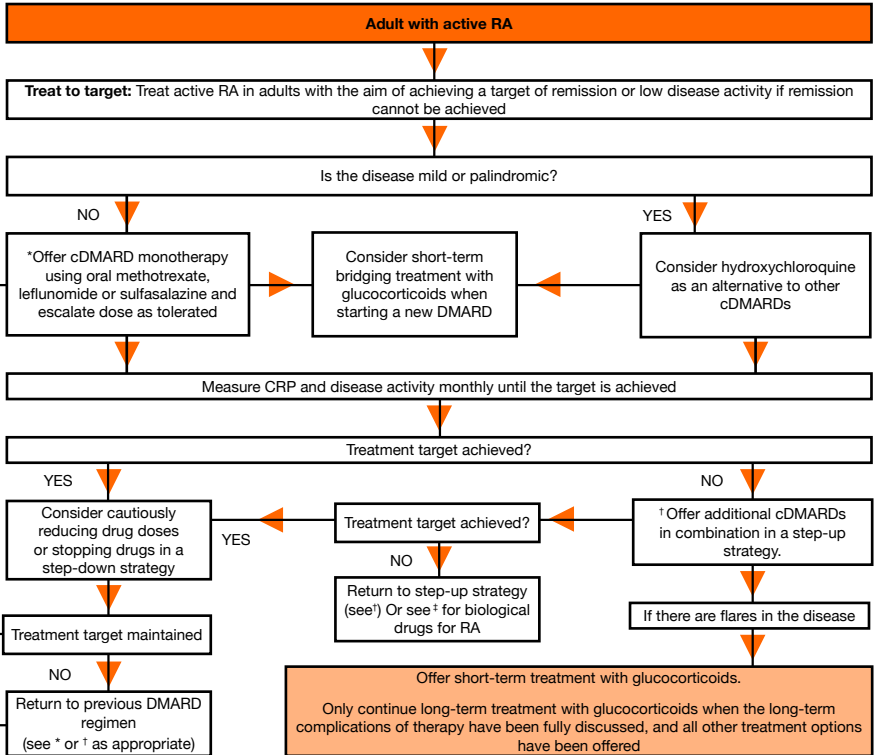
Ensure adults with RA have: Rapid access to specialist care for flares, information about when and how to access specialist care and ongoing drug monitoring.

Consider oral NSAIDs including COX-II selective inhibitors when control of pain or stiffness is inadequate.

Consider a review appointment 6 months after achieving target to ensure it is maintained.

Offer all people with RA an annual review.

See recommendations in sections 1.3, 1.7 and 1.8 of NG100 for guidance on communication, the multidisciplinary team and non-pharmacological management



RA=rheumatoid arthritis; NSAIDs=non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; COX-II=cyclo-oxygenase 2; CRP=C-reactive protein; NG=NICE Guideline.

‡ See NICE pathway for links to other NICE technology appraisal guidance on biological and targeted synthetic drugs for RA.