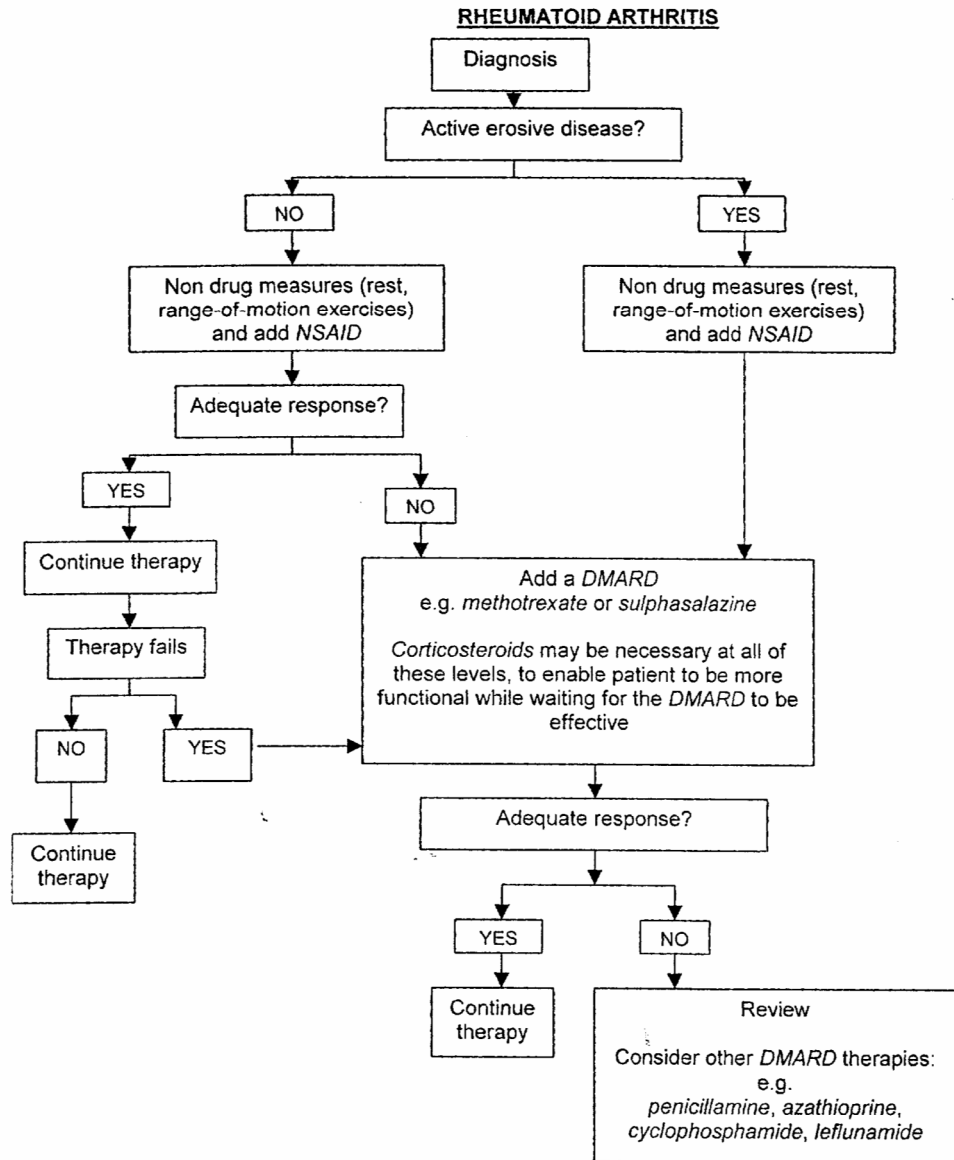


APPENDIX VI:

COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL SCHEMES (CMSO ALGORITHM FOR MANAGEMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS



Glossary:

- *DMARD* – Disease modifying antirheumatic drugs
- *NSAID* – Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents

Applicable ICD 10 Coding:

- M05 Seropositive rheumatoid arthritis
 - M05.0 Felty's syndrome
 - M05.1 Rheumatoid lung disease (J99.0*)
 - M05.2 Rheumatoid vasculitis
 - M05.3 Rheumatoid arthritis with involvement of other organs and systems
 - M05.8 Other seropositive rheumatoid arthritis
 - M05.9 Seropositive rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified
- M06 Other rheumatoid arthritis
 - M06.0 Seronegative rheumatoid arthritis
 - M06.1 Adult-onset Still's disease
 - M06.2 Rheumatoid bursitis
 - M06.3 Rheumatoid nodule
 - M06.4 Inflammatory polyarthropathy
 - M06.8 Other specified rheumatoid arthritis
 - M06.9 Rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified
- M08.0 Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis

Note:

1. **Medical management reasonably necessary for the delivery of treatment described in this algorithm is included within this benefit, subject to the application of managed health care interventions by the relevant medical scheme.**
2. **To the extent that a medical scheme applies managed health care interventions in respect of this benefit, for example clinical protocols for diagnostic procedures or medical management, such interventions must –**
 - a. **not be inconsistent with this algorithm;**
 - b. **be developed on the basis of evidence-based medicine, taking into account considerations of cost-effectiveness and affordability; and**
 - c. **comply with all other applicable regulations made in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, 131 of 1998**
3. **This algorithm may not necessarily always be clinically appropriate for the treatment of children. If this is the case, alternative paediatric clinical management is included within this benefit if it is supported by evidence-based medicine, taking into account considerations of cost-effectiveness and affordability.**