

Audit of clinical care form

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Title of audit

Medication and monitoring of patients with rheumatoid arthritis

Number of patients in practice

15 with RA - 4 males, 11 females. Average age 45.

Date audit completed

3 March 2005

Audit report

Please summarise and give examples from the audit.

Reason for the audit

Potential to make substantial improvements to the way we monitor and treat these patients within the practice.

Criteria to be measured

*Level of disability
Current medication
Blood/urine monitored according to protocol
Care package in place with rheumatology services
Adequate social support*

Standards for criteria

*75% Level of disability
90% Current medication
90% DMARD blood/urine monitored according to protocol
90% Care package in place with rheumatology services
75% Adequate social support*

Audit method

Computer search, data collection

Audit of current activity

*Level of disability **Standard met***
*Current medication **Standard met***
*Blood/urine monitored according to protocol **Standard met***
*Care package in place with rheumatology services **Standard met***
*Adequate social support **Standard met***

Discussion of audit and proposed changes

*In all areas the standard was met.
Level of disability and social support need some attention.
At practice meeting agreed that a computer template for review will be devised to prompt doctor to ask about disability and social support.
9 of the 15 patients are currently on DMARDs and the protocol for test was in each of their notes.
Blood and urine tests were carried out in accordance with that protocol.*

Result of audit after implemented changes

Re-audit 12 months later. Doctors in practice successfully using computer template.

Conclusions

Patients with RA now get improved social support and improved discussion about the level of disability they experience with this disease.

Name:

Signed:

Date: