

Patient Information Sheet
Biological Agents for Psoriasis

History:	Yes	No	N/A	Date
Previous courses of treatment	X	X	X	_____
History of Tuberculosis	X	X	X	_____
History of Lupus	X	X	X	_____
History of Hepatitis B	X	X	X	_____
History of Congestive Heart Failure	X	X	X	_____
History of Previous Histoplasmosis	X	X	X	_____
History of past malignancy	X	X	X	_____

Initial:

- _____ Benefits of Treatment
- _____ Contraindications Reviewed
- _____ Risks reviewed
- _____ Probability of success reviewed
- _____ Lab requisitions given and explained
- _____ Followup appointment in _____ weeks

Please check off all points as discussed with the patient:

- These biological agents are used for the treatment of severe Psoriasis that has not responded to other treatments.
- This medication has been used for treating other chronic inflammation disorders such as inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease) and Rheumatoid arthritis.
- These medications are taken either through the skin by injection like insulin, or by intravenous (Remicade).
- Any person who considers a biologic agent should have a skin test for tuberculosis. This will be arranged for you, and the results are needed before the drug can be started.
- Anyone with a history of tuberculosis or a positive skin test will need to be started on an oral medication prior to starting the biologic agent.
- Anyone with a history of heart disease, lupus erythematosus, hepatitis B, or multiple sclerosis may not be a candidate for this medication.
- As this medication works with your immune system, there is a theoretical risk of lymphoma, or cancer of the lymphatic glands.
- If you develop an infection that requires treatment with antibiotics, you should temporarily hold your dose of biologic agent.
- If you require vaccination, please contact your doctor to see if you need to hold your dose before you get your vaccination.
- Sometimes there may be some redness or swelling at the injection site. This is common, and will go away in time. Please contact your doctor for suggestions on how to treat this common reaction.

Tell your doctor if:

- You are pregnant or breastfeeding
- You suffer from heart, liver or kidney disease
- You have previously had tuberculosis
- You are going to have surgery in the near future