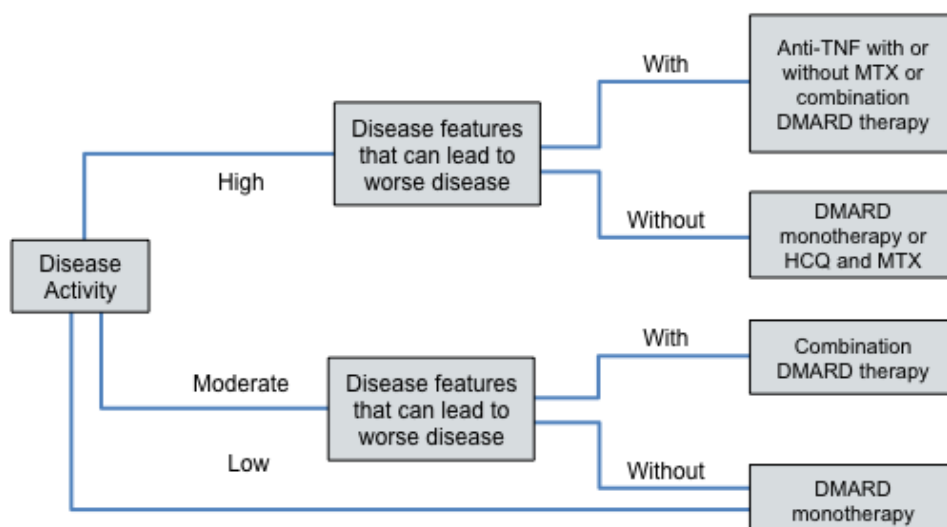


A Simplified Look at Treatment Decisions



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This drawing shows what doctors take into account when prescribing a medicine for your rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

- Is your disease activity low or high?
- Do you have any of the known disease features that can make your case worse? These include trouble managing daily activities, the presence of certain elements in your blood called rheumatoid factor or anti-citrullinated antibodies, or the presence of damaged areas in your joints called erosions and seen on your x-rays.
- Depending on the answers to these questions, your doctor will choose from among the drugs listed in the Table.

Drugs for Rheumatoid Arthritis

DMARDs	Biologic Agents: TNF Blockers	Other Biologic Agents: Non-TNF Blockers
Hydroxychloroquine	Adalimumab	Abatacept
Leflunomide	Etanercept	Rituximab
Methotrexate	Infliximab	Tocilizumab
Minocycline	Certolizumab pegol	
Sulfasalazine	Golimumab	
Tofacitinib		