

# RHEUMATOLOGY

## National Clinical Priority Access Criteria (CPAC)

### INPATIENT

Category Definitions :	1. Immediate	- <i>within 24 hours</i>
	2. Urgent	- <i>within 1 week</i>
	3. Semi - Urgent	- <i>within 4 weeks</i>

Immediate and Urgent cases must be discussed with the Specialist or Registrar in order to get appropriate prioritisation and then a referral letter sent with the patient, faxed or e-mailed. The times to assessment may vary depending on the size and staffing of the hospital department.

Category	Criteria	Examples (not an exhaustive list)
1. Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rheumatological conditions with acute medical complications.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe Lupus</li> <li>Systemic vasculitis</li> <li>Septic Arthritis</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imminent organ failure/threat to life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major complications of drug therapy.</li> </ul>
2. Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major functional impairment with inability to provide self care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polyarticular gout</li> <li>Acute flare of rheumatoid arthritis</li> <li>Crisis intervention for chronically disabled arthritis patients</li> <li>Acute polyarthritis</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complex rheumatological disease with significant comorbidity requiring comprehensive assessment and treatment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rheumatoid arthritis with other major organ involvement.</li> <li>Incipient gangrene due to Raynauds phenomenon.</li> </ul>
3. Semi - Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned admission for intermittent therapy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple joint injection therapy</li> <li>Pagets disease</li> <li>Intravenous immunosuppressive therapy</li> <li>Yttrium Synovectomy</li> </ul>