



Appendix 39 - RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Table 1: Agent selection based on comorbidities	
Comorbidity	Preferred Sequence
CHF	use combinations of DMARDs or non-TNFi biologic or tofacitinib over TNFi
Hepatitis B	same recommendation for patients without this condition
Hepatitis C	o If the patient is receiving or received effective antiviral treatment: same recommendation for patients without this condition
	o If the patient is not receiving or requiring effective antiviral treatment: use DMARDs over TNFi
Malignancies	o Previously treated or untreated skin cancer (non-melanoma, melanoma): use DMARDs over biologics and DMARDs over tofacitinib
	o Previously treated lymphoproliferative disorders: use rituximab over TNFi
	o Previously treated lymphoproliferative disorders: use combination of DMARDs or abatacept or tocilizumab over TNFi.
	o Previously treated solid organ malignancies: same recommendation for patients without this condition
Previous serious infections	o use combination DMARDs over TNFi or use abatacept over TNFi