

Sheffield Area Prescribing Group

Quick Reference Guide- Ongoing Monitoring Requirements for Drugs affecting the Immune Response In rheumatology, gastroenterology and dermatology

See individual shared care protocols for full prescribing and monitoring requirements <https://www.intranet.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk/medicines-prescribing/shared-care-protocols.htm>

Drug	FBC, extended* LFTs, U&E/creatinine/eGFR, CRP for rheumatology patients	Other
Azathioprine / 6 mercaptopurine	Every 3 months	
Hydroxychloroquine		Baseline retinal monitoring then annual retinal monitoring after 5 yrs treatment or if high risk
Leflunomide	Every 3 months	BP at each monitoring visit. Frequency of any weight monitoring will be advised by specialist
Methotrexate (oral and parenteral)	Every 3 months	
Mycophenolate	Every 3 months	
Sulfasalazine (Sulphasalazine)	Every 3 months until stable blood levels for a year then can stop	

Please note that for any blood test results that are out of range, please refer back to the relevant full shared care protocol

* extended = Total Protein, Albumin, Alkaline Phosphatase, ALT, AST, Total Bilirubin and GGT

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