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RHEUMATOLOGY UPDATE







'What's new in the world of biologic DMARDs'

DATE: THURSDAY 22nd JUNE 2023

TIME: 12.30pm – 1.30pm

PRESENTER: DR MATTHEW JIANG, Rheumatologist

OVERVIEW:

The role of biologic and targeted DMARDs in treating rheumatic disease has grown significantly over recent years and are now routinely used in the treatment of common conditions like rheumatoid arthritis. GPs play an essential role in the shared care of these patients and this presentation will hopefully provide some helpful insights and understanding into how these medications can be used effectively and safely in our patients.

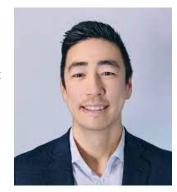
The presentation will include discussion on indications for biologic DMARDs in Australia/PBS criteria, biosimilars, JAK inhibitor risks, screening, infection risks, vaccinations, biosimilars, perioperative management of DMARDs and pregnancy management.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1. Discuss the role of biologic DMARDs in rheumatological disease and the eligibility for treatment in Australia
- 2. Understand the risks of DMARDs including infection related issues, as well as perioperative and pregnancy management

DR MATTHEW JIANG, RHEUMATOLOGIST

Dr Matthew Jiang is a rheumatologist who graduated from the University of Melbourne. He completed his rheumatology training in Melbourne and Hobart and is interested in all aspects of rheumatology including inflammatory arthritis, osteoarthritis, gout and other systemic autoimmune diseases. Matthew has a public appointment at Western Health and consults privately in Footscray and at Epworth Richmond.



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