



**Premium Specialty: Rheumatology**  
**Credentialed Specialties Include: Rheumatology**  
**Patient Episode Cost**

Use this document with the UnitedHealth Premium® Program Methodology document at UnitedHealthPremium.UHC.com. Please review all of the methodology documents to understand the entire Premium methodology.

We evaluate physicians in the rheumatology Premium specialty using the patient episode cost measurement with the condition-based episodes listed in the following chart.

Attribution methods determine which physicians and groups are responsible for care given to patients. Condition-based episodes are attributed using the cost method: the physician who was responsible for generating the highest percentage of services, based on normalized cost, in the episode. To make sure there was significant involvement, the attributed physician must be responsible for at least 50% of the total normalized cost of the episode.

Please view the Attribution Methods document to learn more.

**Cardiology Condition-Based Episodes**

Arterial Inflammation

**Dermatology Condition-Based Episodes**

Other Inflammation of Skin

Psoriasis\*

**Endocrinology Condition-Based Episodes**

Gout

Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland

Nutritional Deficiency

**Infectious Diseases Condition-Based Episodes**

Immunodeficiencies

**Orthopedics & Rheumatology Condition-Based Episodes**

Adult Rheumatoid Arthritis\*

Autoimmune Rheumatologic Diseases, except Lupus

Bursitis & Tendinitis - Elbow & Upper Arm

Bursitis & Tendinitis - Foot & Ankle

Bursitis & Tendinitis - Hand, Wrist & Forearm

Bursitis & Tendinitis - Knee & Lower Leg

Bursitis & Tendinitis - Shoulder

Bursitis & Tendinitis - Thigh, Hip & Pelvis

Bursitis & Tendinitis - Unspecified

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Back

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Elbow & Upper Arm

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Foot & Ankle

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Hand, Wrist & Forearm

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Knee & Lower Leg

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Neck

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Shoulder

Orthopedics & Rheumatology Condition-Based Episodes (continued)
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Thigh, Hip & Pelvis
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Unspecified
Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis
Lupus
Major Joint Inflammation - Back
Major Joint Inflammation - Elbow & Upper Arm
Major Joint Inflammation - Foot & Ankle
Major Joint Inflammation - Hand, Wrist & Forearm
Major Joint Inflammation - Knee & Lower Leg
Major Joint Inflammation - Other
Major Joint Inflammation - Shoulder
Major Joint Inflammation - Thigh, Hip & Pelvis
Major Joint Inflammation - Unspecified
Osteoporosis*
Preventive & Administrative Condition-Based Episodes
Conditional Exam
Routine Exam

\*Episodes for these conditions are excluded from patient episode cost measurement for patients whose pharmacy cost data isn't available.

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