

Premium Specialty: Rheumatology
 Credentialed Specialties include: Rheumatology

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 total cost measurement using the condition-based episodes listed in the chart below.

Attribution methods determine which physicians are responsible for giving care to patients. Patient total cost measurement uses patient attribution results. Please view the Attribution Methods document to learn more.

We use two methods to determine if we should include costs from an eligible treatment episode. These methods depend on the condition:

- Always include: Costs from an eligible treatment episode for an attributed patient, regardless of the attributed physician’s level of involvement in the treatment of the patient’s condition.
- Include if involved: Costs from an eligible treatment episode for an attributed patient if the attributed physician is responsible for at least 30% of the costs.

When the physician doesn’t have a sufficient number of patients attributed, the Premium program uses the patient episode cost measurement.

Cardiology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Arterial Inflammation		X
Dermatology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Other Inflammation of Skin*		X
Psoriasis*		X
Endocrinology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Gout*		X
Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland		X
Nutritional Deficiency		X
Infectious Disease Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Immunodeficiencies		X
Nephrology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Chronic Renal Failure		X
Ophthalmology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Inflammatory Eye Disease		X
Orthopedics & Rheumatology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Adult Rheumatoid Arthritis*	X	
Autoimmune Rheumatologic Diseases, except Lupus*	X	
Bursitis & Tendinitis - Elbow & Upper Arm		X
Bursitis & Tendinitis - Foot & Ankle		X
Bursitis & Tendinitis - Hand, Wrist & Forearm		X
Bursitis & Tendinitis - Knee & Lower Leg		X
Bursitis & Tendinitis - Shoulder		X
Bursitis & Tendinitis - Thigh, Hip & Pelvis		X
Bursitis & Tendinitis - Unspecified		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Back		X

Orthopedics & Rheumatology Conditions (continued)	Always Include	Include if Involved
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Elbow & Upper Arm		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Foot & Ankle		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Hand, Wrist & Forearm		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Knee & Lower Leg		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Neck		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Shoulder		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Thigh, Hip & Pelvis		X
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Unspecified*		X
Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis*	X	
Lupus	X	
Major Joint Inflammation - Back		X
Major Joint Inflammation - Elbow & Upper Arm		X
Major Joint Inflammation - Foot & Ankle		X
Major Joint Inflammation - Hand, Wrist & Forearm		X
Major Joint Inflammation - Knee & Lower Leg		X
Major Joint Inflammation - Other		X
Major Joint Inflammation - Shoulder		X
Major Joint Inflammation - Thigh, Hip & Pelvis		X
Major Joint Inflammation - Unspecified*		X
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Back		X
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Elbow & Upper Arm		X
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Foot & Ankle		X
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Hand, Wrist & Forearm		X
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Knee & Lower Leg		X
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Neck		X
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Shoulder		X
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Thigh, Hip & Pelvis		X
Orthopedic Signs & Symptoms - Unspecified		X
Osteoporosis*		X
Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Back		X
Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Foot & Ankle		X
Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Hand, Wrist & Forearm		X
Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Knee & Lower Leg		X
Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Neck		X
Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Shoulder		X
Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Thigh, Hip & Pelvis		X
Pulmonology Conditions	Always Include	Include if Involved
Other Inflammatory Lung Diseases*		X

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

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