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DOB: _____

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Guidelines for Prescribing Simponi ARIA® (golimumab) for Rheumatology (Required documentation with all initial referrals)

Patient Name: _____

Referral Date: _____

____ Include signed and completed **Plan of Treatment**. (MD must complete sections 1-7)
(Infusion order forms & Standard Adverse Reactions orders are available at www.palmettoinfusion.com under Agency/MD tab)

____ Include patient demographic information and insurance information. (Copy of insurance cards if available)

____ **Supporting clinical MD notes to include any past tried and/or failed therapies, intolerance, outcomes or contraindications to conventional therapy. Include any lab results and/or tests to support diagnosis.**

- SIMPONI ARIA® is a tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blocker indicated for the treatment of adult patients with:
 - Moderately to severely active Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) in combination with methotrexate. **If the patient is unable to take methotrexate, then MD must include supporting documentation as to reason/rational.**
 - Active Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)
 - Active Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS)

____ If patient is switching biological therapies, then MD must specify wash-out period prior to starting Simponi ARIA® as specified of _____ weeks. Last known biological therapy: _____ and last date received: _____. (Include copy of last Simponi ARIA® infusion record if available and currently on therapy)

____ Other as requested: _____

Pre-Screening: (TB and Hepatitis screening results must be available prior to start of therapy and within last 12 months.)

____ **Required TB screening results: PPD or QuantiFERON Gold Test.**
(* If screening results are positive or indeterminate, then a negative CXR result is required.)

____ **Required Hepatitis screening to include: Hepatitis B Surface Antigen results.**

**** Warnings/Precautions:** **Serious Infections:** Patient should not have an active ongoing infection, signs or symptoms of malignancy, or invasive fungal infection. **Congestive Heart Failure:** If a decision is made to administer SIMPONI ARIA to RA patients with CHF, these patients should be closely monitored during therapy, and SIMPONI ARIA® should be discontinued if new or worsening symptoms of CHF appear. **Hepatitis B Reactivation:** Monitor HBV carriers during and several months after therapy. If reactivation occurs, stop SIMPONI ARIA and begin anti-viral therapy. Evaluation of immunizations should be completed prior to and live vaccines should not be given before or concurrently with Simponi ARIA®. See full prescribing information.

Palmetto Infusion Services will complete insurance verification and submit all required clinical documentation to the patient's insurance company for eligibility. Our office will notify you if any further information is required. We will review financial responsibility with the patient and refer them to any available Co-pay assistance as required. Thank you for the referral.

Please fax all information to 1-866-872-8920 or call 1-800-809-1265 for assistance.