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MRN: _____

DOB: _____

Guidelines for Prescribing Actemra® (tocilizumab) for Pediatric (over 2 years of age) (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.**
• ACTEMRA® (tocilizumab) is indicated for dosing frequency for the treatment of Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (PJIA) every 4 weeks and Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (SJIA) every 2 weeks in patients 2 years of age and older. Treatment may be used alone or in combination with methotrexate.

___ If patient is switching biological therapies, then MD must specify wash-out period prior to starting Actemra® as specified of _____ weeks. Last known biological therapy: _____ and last date received: _____. (Include copy of last ACTEMRA® 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.**

___ **Lab results within last 30-60 days: CBC with diff, Platelets, both AST and ALT, and Cholesterol levels.**
(It is recommended that tocilizumab not be initiated in patients with an ANC of less than 2000/mm³, platelet count below 100,000/mm³, or who have ALT or AST greater than 1.5 x the upper limit of normal.)

**** Warnings/Precautions: Serious infections:** leading to hospitalization or death including tuberculosis (TB), bacterial, invasive fungal, viral, and other opportunistic infections have occurred in patients receiving ACTEMRA®. Pre-screening for TB prior to starting ACTEMRA. The safety and efficacy of ACTEMRA have not been studied in patients with hepatic impairment, including patients with positive HBV and HCV serology. Consider interrupting therapy with Actemra® if patients develop a new infection during treatment. Most patients who developed these infections were taking concomitant immunosuppressants such as methotrexate or corticosteroids. Actemra® has not been studied in combination with other biologics. **Gastrointestinal (GI) perforation:** Events of gastrointestinal perforation have been reported in clinical trials, primarily as complications of diverticulitis in RA patients. Use ACTEMRA with caution in patients who may be at increased risk or history of diverticulitis/GI Bleed. Evaluate patients presenting with new onset abdominal symptoms for early identification of gastrointestinal perforation. **Laboratory monitoring** – recommended due to potential consequences of treatment-related changes in neutrophils, platelets, lipids, and liver function tests. Evaluation of immunizations should be completed prior to and live vaccines should not be given before or concurrently with Actemra®. 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.

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