

# HOME CARE NOTES

## Advanced Infusion Services:

### *Offering Infusion Treatments for Rheumatoid Arthritis*

#### RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS:

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is the most common systemic inflammatory disease characterized by symmetrical joint involvement. RA is an autoimmune disorder in which the body does not recognize itself and attacks synovial tissue and other connective tissues. About 1% of the U.S. population suffers from RA. Patients are usually diagnosed between the ages of 35 to 50, with some as early as 15. Women are affected 2 to 3 times more than are men.

#### Symptoms of RA

- Fatigue
- Weakness
- Low-grade fever
- Loss of appetite
- Joint pain
- Myalgia
- Synovitis
- Extraarticular involvement resulting in: rheumatoid nodules, vasculitis, eye inflammation, neurological dysfunction, cardiopulmonary disease, lymphadenopathy, splenomegaly)

#### Treatments For RA

Some medications given via intravenous infusion, intramuscularly, or subcutaneously can be provided by a home infusion pharmacy.

- Humira (Adalimumab)
- Enbrel (Etanercept)
- Remicade (Infliximab)
- Rituxan (Rituximab)
- Orenica (Abatacept)
- Corticosteroids
- IV Pain management

#### What Can AIS Provide For the RA Patient?

- Home delivery of all intravenous and injectable medications for the treatment of RA
- Trained delivery personnel
- Experienced infusion personnel
- 24 hours a day, 365 days a year access to clinical infusion pharmacists
- Patient counseling on all medications
- State-of-the-art facility compliant with all FDA regulations
- Online referral website for easy start-of-care:  
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*Therapies provided pending verification of patient's benefits.*

*Medicare, Medicaid and many private insurances accepted.*

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