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**British Columbia Chronic Disease Registries (BCCDR) Case Definitions**  
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## RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Case Definition Type: Health Service Contact Prevalence  Incidence Rate  Lifetime Prevalence

Case Definition:

Two or more physician visits with a rheumatoid arthritis diagnostic code (ICD-9: 714) between 61 and 720 days apart (exclusions apply – see notes below).

Signed-off BC Case Definition: Yes  - V2021 No

Notes: Case definition excludes patients who (1) have seen a rheumatologist, but who have never been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis by the rheumatologist; and (2) had two rheumatologist visits coded with other inflammatory arthritis (ICD-9 696, 710, 711, 720 - see below) subsequent to their last RA visit. The two rheumatologist visits for other inflammatory arthritis can occur within any period of time after their last RA visit. Rheumatologists are identified by their practitioner numbers – list provided by the Ministry.

Age Restriction: 1+ years

Data Source(s):

Data Source	ICD Code/Procedure Code/Rx	ICD Code/Procedure Code Position	Diagnosis Type	Hospital Care Level
Hospital ICD-10	N/A	First Position Only <input type="checkbox"/> All positions <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Hospital ICD-9	N/A	First Position Only <input type="checkbox"/> All positions <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Practitioner Claims ICD-9	714 (Case definition and Exclusion rule 1), 696 (Exclusion rule 2), 710 (Exclusion rule 2), 711 (Exclusion rule 2), 720 (Exclusion rule 2)	First Position Only <input type="checkbox"/> All positions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Practitioner Claims ICD-10	N/A	First Position Only <input type="checkbox"/> All positions <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A

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PharmaNet History	Drug	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Diagnostic Code:

ICD-9/10	Description
714	Rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory polyarthropathies
696	Psoriasis and similar disorders
710	Diffuse diseases of connective tissue
711	Arthropathy associated with infections
720	Ankylosing spondylitis and other inflammatory spondylopathies

Drug List: N/A