



MANAGING CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH JUVENILE IDIOPATHIC ARTHRITIS (PJIA)

FOR RHEUMATOLOGISTS



GUIDELINES FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER



1. Ensure the consult letters to primary care physician/pediatrician are sent within one week after the patient was seen. Consult letters should be concise and clearly define the diagnosis, as well as the recommended treatment plan.



2. Communicate to the primary care physician/pediatrician the potential side effects of medications prescribed, as well as symptoms to watch for:

- Infections
- Malignancy
- Osteoporosis
- Growth concerns
- Cardiovascular issues



3. Communicate to primary care physician what vaccines may be needed and when they can be given.



4. Indicate when and why the patient should be seen for follow-up by Rheumatology, i.e. specific timeframe, if certain symptoms present, or if symptoms worsen.



For more information, please visit:

<https://ohioaap.org/education-cme-moc-ii/polyarticular-juvenile-idiopathic-arthritis-pjia/>