A Clinician Guide to:
Using the Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Choice Decision Aid with Patients

Tips:
• Clinician decides how & when to use cards – may elect not to use.
• “Considerations” card is not given to patient as part of the comparison process, but can be referred to if issues of pregnancy, tuberculosis or liver disease are relevant.

1. Patient reviews information on RA treatment options in the guide.

2. Clinician asks, “What issues concerning a medication to treat RA would you like to discuss first?” Patient selects first card.

3. Patient and clinician review card together.

4. Using the cards chosen, indicate which medications your patient is currently on or has taken (if applicable).

5. Patient selects a second card and compares the two. Medication options are discussed.

6. Medication choice is made - brochure summarizing choice is given to patient to take home.