

## Biologic Drugs and Orthopaedic Surgery/Surgery in Patients with Inflammatory Arthritis: Guidelines

Our current recommendations for these drugs and elective orthopaedic surgery / surgery are as follows:

Etanercept (Enbrel)	The patient must not inject in the 2 weeks preceding surgery. Treatment can usually be restarted after 2 weeks provided there is no evidence of infection and the wound is healing well.
Adalimumab (Humira)	The patient must not inject in the 6 weeks preceding surgery. Treatment can usually be restarted after 2 weeks provided there is no evidence of infection and the wound is healing well.
Certolizumab (Cimzia)	The patient must not inject in the 6 weeks preceding surgery. Treatment can usually be restarted after 2 weeks provided there is no evidence of infection and the wound is healing well.
Tocilizumab (RoActemra)	The patient must not receive an infusion in the 6 weeks preceding surgery. An infusion can be given 2 weeks following surgery provided there is no evidence of infection and the wound is healing well.
Rituximab (MabThera)	Discuss with the Rheumatologist involved if planning surgery within 6 months after last infusion.
Abatacept (Orencia)	Subcutaneous injection- The patient must not inject in the 6 weeks preceding surgery. Treatment can usually be restarted after 2 weeks provided there is no evidence of infection and the wound is healing well.  Intravenous infusion- The patient must not receive an infusion in the 6 weeks preceding surgery. An infusion can be given 2 weeks following surgery provided there is no evidence of infection and the wound is healing well.
Golimumab (Simponi)	The patient must not inject in the 6 weeks preceding surgery. Treatment can usually be restarted after 2 weeks provided there is no evidence of infection and wound is healing well
Infliximab (Remicade)	The patient must not receive an infusion in the 4 weeks preceding surgery. An infusion can be given 2 weeks following surgery provided there is no evidence of infection and the wound is healing well.

The above are general guidelines which might occasionally be adjusted according to the clinical situation.