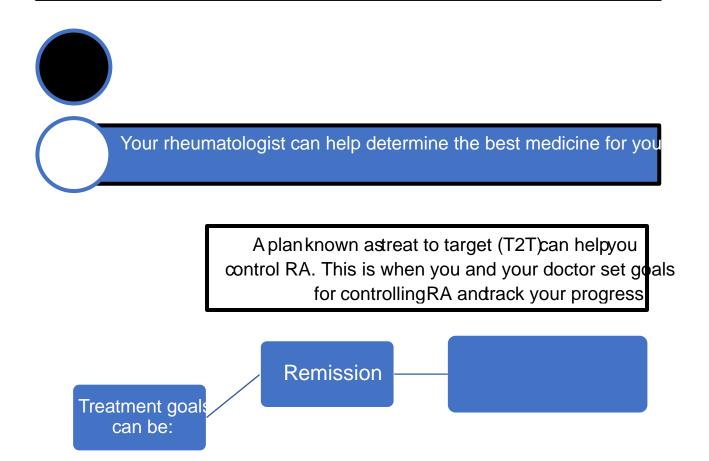
Benefits of early treatment of rheumatoid arthritis



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Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic -Drugs (DMARDs

Biologic therapies

Non-steroidal antiinflammatory medications (NSAIDs)

Corticosteroids-

- The most common treatment
- Reduce inflammation and therefore help keep joint function (joints able to move properly)
 - Methotrexate, Hydroxychloroquine, Leflunomide, Sulfasalaz
- Newer form of DMARDs which are made using molecular bio techniques
- These are often taken as injections (shots) or infusions
 - · Anti-TNF, Anti-L-6, Anti-B-cell, Anti-T-cell
- Reduce pain and mild inflammation
- NSAID® o not prevent joint damage
- Available as tablets or as topical (applied to your body like a lotion or gel) medicines
 - · Ibuprofen, Naproxen, Meloxicam, Diclofenac
- Have strong antinflammatory effects and work quickly to reduse swelling
- These are used for a short time because they have many side effects
- Often used as tablets but in severe flares (when your symptom get worse) can be given as injections or infusions
 - Prednisone, methylprednisone
- Can also be used to inject joints (intaticular joint injections) for flare up of symptoms

Analgesics