

Premium Specialty: Rheumatology
Patient Episode Cost
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Condition-Based Episodes
Adult Rheumatoid Arthritis*
Arterial Inflammation
Autoimmune Rheumatologic Diseases, except Lupus*
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Elbow and Upper Arm, Bilateral
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Elbow and Upper Arm, Single Side
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Foot and Ankle, Bilateral
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Foot and Ankle, Single Side
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Hand, Wrist and Forearm, Bilateral
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Hand, Wrist and Forearm, Single Side
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Knee and Lower Leg, Bilateral
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Knee and Lower Leg, Single Side
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Shoulder
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis
Bursitis and Tendinitis - Unspecified
Chronic Renal Failure
Conditional Exam
Diabetes*
Gout*
Hypertension
Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland*
Immunodeficiencies*
Inflammatory Eye Disease*
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Back, Bilateral
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Back, Single Side
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Elbow and Upper Arm
Joint Degeneration, Localized - Foot and Ankle, Bilateral

Condition-Based Episodes

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Foot and Ankle, Single Side

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Hand, Wrist and Forearm

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Knee and Lower Leg, Bilateral

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Knee and Lower Leg, Single Side

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Neck

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Shoulder

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis

Joint Degeneration, Localized - Unspecified*

Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis*

Low Back Pain Syndrome

Lupus*

Major Joint Inflammation - Back

Major Joint Inflammation - Elbow and Upper Arm

Major Joint Inflammation - Foot and Ankle

Major Joint Inflammation - Hand, Wrist and Forearm*

Major Joint Inflammation - Knee and Lower Leg

Major Joint Inflammation - Other

Major Joint Inflammation - Shoulder

Major Joint Inflammation - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis

Major Joint Inflammation - Unspecified*

Nutritional Deficiency

Obesity

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Back

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Elbow and Upper Arm

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Foot and Ankle

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Hand, Wrist and Forearm

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Knee and Lower Leg

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Neck

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Shoulder

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis

Condition-Based Episodes

Orthopedic Signs and Symptoms - Unspecified

Osteoporosis*

Other Inflammation of Skin*

Other Inflammatory Lung Diseases*

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Back

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Foot and Ankle

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Hand, Wrist and Forearm

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Knee and Lower Leg

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Neck

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Shoulder

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Thigh, Hip and Pelvis

Other Minor Orthopedic Disorders - Unspecified

Psoriasis*

Routine Exam

*Episodes for these conditions are excluded for patients whose pharmacy cost data is not available.

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