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Drug Updates

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Since the advent of the first biological drugs in RA in the late 1990s, there has been a huge amount of research into new medications. This century has already seen a number of new biologic drugs, as well as biosimilars of the early biologics as they have come out of their patents. We have also seen the emergence of the JAK inhibitors, which offer another form of drug treatment, working differently to biologic drugs and available to take as a tablet, rather than by injection or infusion.

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Medicines in rheumatoid arthritis

We believe it is essential that people living with RA understand why certain medicines are used, when they are used and how they work to manage the condition.

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Research gives us a better understanding of what causes RA, how best to treat and manage the condition and hopefully one day how it might be cured.

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