

COBRA therapy

Prednisolone

week 1	60 mg/day
week 2	40 mg/day
week 3	30 mg/day
week 4	20 mg/day
week 5	15 mg/day
week 6	10 mg/day
week 7 - 28	7.5 mg/day

MTX week 2 7.5 mg/week

SSZ week 2 1000 mg/day
week 3 - 28 2000 mg/day

COBRA-light therapy

Prednisolone

week 1	30 mg/day
week 2	20 mg/day
week 3	15 mg/day
week 4 - 8	10 mg/day
week 9 - 28	7.5 mg/day

MTX week 2 - 4 10 mg/week
week 5 - 8 17.5mg/week
week 9 - 28 25 mg/week

Week 13

IF DAS44 \geq 1.6: increase MTX per 2 weeks: final dose 25 mg/week

Week 13

IF DAS44 \geq 1.6: consider MTX s.c.

Week 26

IF DAS44 $<$ 1.6: taper prednisolone in weekly steps, stop at week 32.

IF DAS44 \geq 1.6: intensify treatment in patients on MTX 7,5 mg/w, increase to 25 mg/w; in patients on MTX 25mg/w, add etanercept 50 mg/wk s.c.

Week 26

IF DAS44 $<$ 1.6: taper prednisolone in weekly steps, stop at week 32.

IF DAS44 \geq 1.6: intensify treatment, add etanercept 50 mg/wk s.c.

Week 39

IF DAS44 $<$ 1.6: taper prednisolone in weekly steps, stop at week 45.

IF DAS44 \geq 1.6: intensify treatment in patients on MTX 7,5 mg/w, increase to 25 mg/w; in patients on MTX 25mg/w, add etanercept 50 mg/wk s.c.. In patients on etanercept, continue medication

Week 39

IF DAS44 $<$ 1.6: taper prednisolone in weekly steps, stop at week 45.

IF DAS44 \geq 1.6: in patients not on etanercept, add etanercept 50/w s.c.. Else, continue medication

Week 52

STOP ETANERCEPT
Treatment not further protocolized

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