

**GGC Rheumatology MCN –  
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**Alert: EMIS recording of Oral Methotrexate  
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It has been brought to our attention that the EMIS system does not currently check for potential interactions of specific drug therapies with oral methotrexate. This is because of the way in which oral methotrexate is recorded on EMIS. We have been informed that IT are working to rectify this problem.

Meantime however I am contacting you on behalf of the Rheumatology MCN to highlight the issue and remind you to check the BNF for any potential drug interactions, when starting a patient currently on methotrexate on a new drug.

The most commonly prescribed drugs that can interact with methotrexate are

- **Cotrimoxazole**
- **Trimethoprim**
- **Clozapine**
- **Acitretin**

but this is not an exhaustive list so **please check the BNF when prescribing for patients on oral methotrexate.**

Regards,

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