Are you taking new medications?



We are conducting a study that connects patients with a trained individual called a "navigator" to help improve medication adherence. The navigator can assist with:

- Financial and insurance issues
- Pharmacy issues
- Understanding medication side effects or concerns
- Transportation
- Any other barriers that may prevent you from taking your medications

Population and Inclusion Criteria

- Men or women over 18 years old
- Newly prescribed (within the last 6 months) one of the following medications:
 - Methotrexate, Azathioprine, Plaquenil (Hydroxychloroquine), Azulfidine (Sulfasalazine), Arava (Leflunomide), Xeljanz, Cellcept (Mycophenolate Mofetil), Cyclosporine, and Cytoxan.
- Diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, SLE, or another rheumatic disease for which you were given one of the above medications

Study Schedule

- <u>Screening:</u> you will be asked to complete a 10-15 minute patient assessment to help us assess your needs and how we can help you to meet them
- Navigator will check in via e-mail, phone, or in-person every few weeks to provide assistance and administer a short questionnaire (~5 minutes)
 - o Patients will be able to get in touch more frequently if desired
- You will be asked to keep a brief diary to keep track of your medications

Locations

Brigham and Women's Hospital Arthritis Center

Contacts

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If you are interested in participating, please contact the navigator, Anarosa Campos, directly at either acampos4@partners.org or 617-525-9662.