

## **APPLICATION PROCESS FOR BIOLOGICAL THERAPY FOR DISCOVERY HEALTH AND FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY DISCOVERY**

Once you have decided that your patient requires treatment with a biological agent, it is important you do the following:

1. Patient consent (requires patient signature)
2. Physician consent

These are required ONCE OFF. Repeat applications do not require any consent form. NOTE! We are in the process of amalgamating SAGES and medical aid consent form so in future there will only be 2 consent forms.

Next:

1. Fill out the Discovery application for anti-TNF form (requires main member signature).
2. Fill out the SAGES Biologic application form. There is an initial and follow-up application form for both CD and UC. Even if this is an application for continuation of therapy, but the prior approval was not through SAGES, please fill in the 'initial' application form. Subsequent applications for the same patient can be made on the 'follow-up' application forms.

Your application consisting of these 4 forms, together with a prescription for the drug must be send to Discovery Health on [CIB\\_APP\\_FORMS@discovery.co.za](mailto:CIB_APP_FORMS@discovery.co.za).

Discovery Health sends all the applications to the SAGES Biologic committee for assessment. Feedback on the application goes directly to Discovery Health. If you like, we can also inform you directly.

A similar application process must be followed for the other funds administered by Discovery.

Thank you