



REMICADE INFUSION

At the **DDA Infusion Centers** located in Catonsville and Columbia, we treat patients with autoimmune disorders such as Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis. Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis and Psoriasis are also treated at the Centers. These diseases result from overproduction of tumor necrosis factor (TNF), a type of cell that causes inflammation. This inflammation can be found in the gi tract, joints and skin, and can lead to disease flare-ups.

One of the medications we infuse, Remicade (infliximab), is often referred to as an "anti-TNF agent", or "steroid sparing" medication. Remicade is a highly engineered medication (a monoclonal antibody) that is designed to block the activity of the TNF leading to decreased inflammation and the improvement of symptoms related to the disease. The goal of Remicade is to reduce the signs and symptoms of moderate to severe disease activity, thereby lessening the long term complications of the disease.

Here at the DDA Infusion Center, our goal is to provide you with the highest level of care in a comfortable and friendly environment. Patients of the DDA Infusion Center benefit from our years of infusion experience. We strive to make our infusion centers as comfortable and user friendly as possible. It is our belief that patients with chronic diseases should not be treated like "sick" patients. To follow are some of the comments from patients of the Center ...

- "there is a social atmosphere"
- "it's great to tale to other patients with similar issues"
- "it's the only time I don't hear, mommy, mommy"
- "we feel well cared for" and
- I've had infusions in the hospital, but I prefer to come to DDA"