

Supplementary Table 3: Patient Characteristics at time of RA diagnosis: Stratified by Year

Year ^	Index RA diagnoses	age (mean, S.D.)	sex, female (%)	current smoking (%)	Obesity (%)	Charlson Comorbidity Score (%)			
						None (0)	Mild (1-2)	Moerate (3-4)	Severe ( $\geq 5$ )
1995	601	58.7 (14.7)	423 (70.4)	105 (27.9)	69 (11.5)	449 (74.7)	104 (17.3)	37 (6.16)	11 (1.8)
1996	661	60.3 (14.9)	486 (73.5)	121 (30.7)	63 (9.5)	492 (74.4)	103 (15.6)	59 (8.9)	7 (1.1)
1997	810	60.5 (14.9)	556 (68.6)	114 (25.3)	77 (9.5)	640 (79.0)	100 (12.4)	58 (7.2)	12 (1.5)
1998	772	60.7 (15.5)	554 (71.8)	124 (29.2)	73 (9.5)	592 (76.7)	117 (15.2)	52 (6.7)	11 (1.4)
1999	969	60.6 (14.9)	685 (70.7)	158 (30.1)	105 (10.8)	762 (78.6)	131 (13.5)	62 (6.4)	14 (1.4)
2000	1,160	60.8 (14.9)	820 (70.7)	162 (29.4)	111 (9.6)	961 (82.8)	125 (10.8)	60 (5.2)	14 (1.2)
2001	1,491	61.2 (14.9)	1,072 (71.9)	203 (29.0)	161 (10.8)	1,225 (82.2)	183 (12.3)	63 (4.2)	20 (1.3)
2002	1,524	60.8 (14.7)	1,100 (72.2)	254 (31.1)	179 (11.8)	1,242 (81.5)	170 (11.2)	99 (6.5)	13 (0.9)
2003	1,576	61.3 (15.1)	1,088 (69.0)	290 (28.5)	200 (12.7)	1,234 (78.3)	190 (12.1)	123 (7.8)	29 (1.8)
2004	1,634	61.5 (14.9)	1,189 (72.8)	331 (25.9)	257 (15.7)	1,283 (78.5)	189 (11.6)	122 (7.5)	40 (2.5)
2005	1,478	61.0 (15.2)	1,060 (71.7)	331 (25.9)	259 (17.5)	1,108 (75.0)	180 (12.2)	142 (9.6)	48 (3.3)
2006	1,432	60.3 (15.4)	1,047 (73.1)	305 (26.3)	284 (19.8)	1,054 (73.6)	148 (10.3)	171 (12.0)	59 (4.1)
2007	1,369	59.9 (14.8)	968 (70.7)	294 (22.9)	314 (22.9)	959 (70.1)	134 (9.8)	209 (15.3)	67 (4.9)
2008	1,367	59.4 (15.0)	927 (67.8)	316 (24.2)	326 (23.9)	978 (71.5)	153 (11.2)	163 (11.9)	73 (5.3)
2009*	661	60.3 (15.7)	438 (66.3)	136 (20.9)	146 (22.1)	477 (72.2)	63 (9.5)	90 (13.6)	31 (4.7)
Overall	17,505	60.6 (15.0)	12,412 (70.9)	3,244 (26.3%)	4,264 (17.9)	13,456 (76.9)	2,090 (11.9)	1,510 (8.6)	449 (2.6)

^ Apr to Mar

\* Only data Apr to Sept available/included