

Table 1: Risks and Benefits of Continuing Medications Peri-operatively

Drug class	Risks of continuing perioperatively	Benefits of continuing perioperatively
DMARDs	No or very low risk of post-operative surgical site infection or delayed wound healing.	Decreased risk of flares which delay wound healing and overall patient recovery.
Biologic DMARDs	High risk of post-operative surgical site infection	
Glucocorticoids	Dose dependent increase in risk of post-operative surgical site infection. Added risk of delayed wound healing.	

DMARDs = disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs