Consecutive patients with RA who were about to start anti-TNF therapy were recruited between February 2005–June 2007.

32 responders

12 replied with definite no, did not want to take part

1 responded yes but then was excluded during the baseline assessment due to having psoriatic arthritis

31 participants recruited into the study

1 excluded due to open foot wounds

31 participants completed all demographic and clinical assessments

N=8 missing data for Doppler scans

30 participants completed all US scans

2 withdrew after baseline assessments due to being too ill to attend

2 withdrew after baseline assessments due to personal reasons

22 participants completed all Doppler US scans

26 returnees at 12 weeks

26 participants completed all US scans

18 participants completed all Doppler US scans