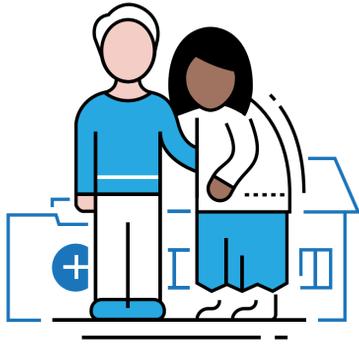


Inflammatory Arthritis



THEN and NOW

Before 2000

2000 and later

Fast, uncontrolled and devastating joint damage

Slower, managed disease progression

Patients were given an aggressive treatment only after joint damage had occurred, causing patients to have multiple expensive surgeries and long hospital stays.

Patients manage their disease through regular appointments. Treatment of the disease is immediate and aggressive to reduce joint damage and pain. Fewer to no surgeries are required.

Limited options available

Many different treatment options available

There were minimal changes in treatment options over the years.

Better use of earlier medications and introduction of biologics and other treatment options.

Lower quality of life and increased financial burden

Higher living standard and financial security

The disease caused significant mobility issues, often resulting in an inability to go to school, work, or participate in regular social activities. In some cases, it caused premature death.

People living with arthritis are valued members of society who are able to go to school, work, become parents and participate in social activities.

High system costs

Low system costs

The disease resulted in high direct costs due to expensive surgeries and long hospital stays. Ineffective treatment resulted in a number of other diseases like osteoporosis, heart disease, and fractures, as well as higher costs for living and income support.

A more controlled disease results in lower system costs and less secondary diseases. Higher drug costs are balanced by lower support costs.

Little investment in research

Greater advocacy and research

Inflammatory arthritis was not considered to be a serious chronic disease. With little public awareness, it was considered to be a normal part of aging, impacting older people.

Thanks to more awareness and information available on the internet, inflammatory arthritis is now known to be one of the leading causes of disability, affecting people at any age.

Physician-driven care

Patient-focused care

Patients were not heard nor included in healthcare discussions or decision-making.

Patients are empowered with more access to information and to share their lived experience.

