

Welcome to the questionnaire on the demographics of rheumatoid arthritis

1. How old were you when the first symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis occurred?
_____ years

2. How old were you when the diagnosis rheumatoid arthritis was made?
_____ years

3. What were your first symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis?
(more than one answer possible)
 - swollen, painful joints
 - foot/knee / ankle pain
 - painful handshake
 - extreme fatigue
 - finger/wrist pain
 - lower back/shoulder pain
 - morning stiffness
 - other - namely: _____

4. How long did it take for a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis to be made after first symptoms?
(one answer)
 - up to 3 months
 - 4 to 6 months
 - 7 to 12 months
 - 13 to 24 months
 - 3 to 4 years
 - 5 years and over

5. Which kind of doctor did you initially consult after first symptoms?
(one answer)
 - general practitioner
 - specialist for internal medicine
 - specialist for orthopaedics
 - rheumatologist in private practice
 - rheumatologist in a hospital
 - other - namely: _____

6. How many doctors did you have to consult before the diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis was made?
(one answer)
 - 1 doctor
 - 2-3 doctors
 - 4-5 doctors
 - more than 5 doctors

7. Which kind of doctor diagnosed rheumatoid arthritis?
(one answer)

- general practitioner
- specialist for internal medicine
- specialist for orthopaedics
- rheumatologist in private practice
- rheumatologist in a hospital
- other - namely: _____

8. How happy were you with the information supplied to you by the doctor who diagnosed rheumatoid arthritis?

On a scale of 1 to 5:
 1 signifying very happy and
 5 not at all happy
 Fractional grading is also possible!

very happy	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	not at all happy
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9. Were you consulted by your doctor on the choice of therapy?

- yes
- no

10. Which of the following aspects regarding medical care are of importance to you?

On a scale of 1 to 5:
 1 signifying very important and
 5 not at all important
 Fractional grading is possible!

	1	2	3	4	5
	very important				not at all important
sufficient patient / doctor consultation	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
good explanation of the illness	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
sufficient sensitivity shown by physicians	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
sufficient care taken when prescribing medication	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
a right for the patient to have a say in the choice of therapy	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
swiftly scheduled appointments	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

11. Which medication are you taking presently?
(more than one answer possible)



- Ebetrexat[®], Methotrexat Ebewe[®] (Methotrexate)
- Salazopyrin[®] (Sulfasalazine)
- Arava[®] (Leflunomide)
- Resochin[®] (Chloroquine)
- Quensyl[®] (Hydroxychloroquine)
- Sandimmun[®] (Ciclosporine, Cyclosporine A)
- Ridaura[®] (Gold as tablets/oral Gold)
- Tauredon[®] (Gold as an injection/parenteral Gold)
- Aprednislon[®], Urbason[®] (Cortisone)
- Enbrel[®] (Etanercept)
- MabThera[®] (Rituximab)
- Remicade[®] (Infliximab)
- Orencia[®] (Abatacept)
- Humira[®] (Adalimumab)
- RoActemra[®] (Tocilizumab)
- other - namely: _____

12. Do you also make use of complementary or alternative medicine?

- yes
- no

If yes, which? _____

13. Which form of medication do you prefer?
(One answer)

- tablets
 - self-injection
 - infusion
 - no preference
- } → **continue to question 14**
→ **continue to question 15**

14. What are your reasons for your preference for **tablets or injections or infusions**?

15. Which sources of information have you used in order to learn about rheumatoid arthritis?
(please tick where applicable!)

How important do you think these sources of information were? **(Please assess every source!)**

On a scale of 1 to 5:

1 signifying very important and



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5 not at all important
 Fractional grading is possible

How important do you think this source is?

	I have used this source	1	2	3	4	5
		very important				not at all
reference journals/ books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
newspaper articles or TV/radio broadcasts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
information leaflet with medicines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
homepage / product webpage of manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
information from pharmaceutical companies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
lectures and information evenings on rheumatism (e.g. Mini Med in Austria)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
patient self-help groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
discussion with fellow patients	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
your doctor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
your chemist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
other – namely:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Were you in employment prior to your illness?

- yes → **continue to question 17**
- no → **continue to question 19**

17. Did you have to give up your job as a result of the illness?

- yes → **continue to question 18**
- no → **continue to question 19**

18. How many years after the start of your illness did you have to give up your job?

- up to 1 year after the start



- 2 to 5 years after the start
- 6 to 10 years after the start
- over 10 years after the start



19. In your present situation, how important is financial help in the following areas?

On a scale of 1 to 5:
 1 signifying very important and
 5 not at all important
 Fractional grading is possible

	very important				not at all important
	1	2	3	4	5
medication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
mobility and other aids	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
health spa rehabilitation treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
rehabilitation (e.g. physiotherapy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
help in the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
care (i.e. help with personal hygiene)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
cost of transport to doctors, therapists or to hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. How did your family and friends react to your diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis
(more than one answer possible)

- with concern
- with sympathy
- with a lack of understanding
- with offers of help
- my illness was not taken seriously
- with withdrawal
- nothing changed, everything was as before the illness
- little or nothing was known about my illness
- other - namely: _____

21. How do you estimate the state of your health will be in 10 years?
(one answer)

- unchanged
- better
- worse

A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ON STATISTICS



Sex:

- female
- male

Age: _____ (please fill in exact age and also tick below!)

- up to 30 years
- 31 to 45 years
- 46 to 60 years
- over 60 years

Level of severity of the illness rheumatoid arthritis:

- mild
- moderate / middling
- severe

Marital status:

- single
- married / cohabiting
- divorced / separated
- widowed

Level of education reached in the Austrian school system:

- nine compulsory years of school
- compulsory schooling plus apprenticeship
- vocational school / commercial school
- secondary school without a certificate
- secondary school with leaving certificate
- university

Occupation: which career category did / do you belong in?

- professional
- owner/director of a large company
- owner of a smaller company
- employee with minimal qualifications
- civil servant
- employee with superior qualifications
- civil servant with executive powers
- blue collar worker
- skilled worker (incl. apprentices)
- farmer
- in training
- home maker / on maternity leave
- retired

Total monthly income of all persons living in your household together. Please estimate if you do not have an exact sum.

- up to € 1.500,--
- up to € 2.100,--
- up to € 3.000,--
- up to € 3.000,--



Province: Which Austrian province do you live in?

- Vienna
- Lower Austria
- Burgenland
- Styria
- Carinthia
- Upper Austria
- Salzburg
- Tyrol
- Vorarlberg

What is the population of your town or village?

- up to 5.000
- up to 50.000
- up to 50.000

What is the distance between your town or village and the provincial capital?

- under 20 km
- 21 to 50 km
- 51 to 100 km
- over 100 km

Which type of doctor is currently treating your rheumatoid arthritis?

(one answer)

- general practitioner
- specialist for internal medicine
- specialist for orthopaedics
- rheumatologist in private practice
- rheumatologist in a hospital
- other - namely: _____

Which means of transport do you usually use when seeing the doctor that treats your rheumatoid arthritis?

(more than one answer possible)

- underground
- tram
- bus
- train
- car
- on foot
- friends or relatives take me
- other - namely: _____

How long does your trip to see the doctor that treats your rheumatoid arthritis take?

(one answer)

- up to 15 minutes
- up to 30 minutes
- up to 1 hour
- up to 2 hours
- over 2 hours



Please inform us of the date on which you completed this questionnaire:

_____ day _____ month _____ year

Please inform us of your contact details for the telephone survey:

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Postal Address (optional): _____

Participant number: 1
(consecutively numbered)

