



intro

Welcome to the Survey!

We are trying to better understand how people living with RA feel about treatment. In this survey, you will be asked questions about Rheumatoid Arthritis, or RA, and how it has affected your life. Your answers will help us improve communication between patients and their doctors. There are no right or wrong answers. When we ask about medication, we are referring to disease modifying drugs (DMARDs) like methotrexate, biologics, and JAK inhibitors (i.e. not prednisone).

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accessing care

The questions below are about accessing care for your RA. Thinking about your experiences with your current or previous rheumatologists, please indicate the most difficulty you have had (or ever have had).

	Not at all difficult	A little difficult	Moderately difficult	Very difficult
Finding a rheumatologist.	0	0	0	0
Scheduling an appointment to see a rheumatologist for the first time.	0	0	0	0
Getting to my rheumatology appointments (considering all factors that may affect you).				
	Not at all difficult	A little difficult	Moderately difficult	Very difficult

rheumatologist if I have to cancel.		
Scheduling an appointment with my rheumatologist right away if my disease flares up.		0
Getting clear, complete answers in a timely manner from my rheumatologist (by email or telephone) inbetween appointments if I have questions or concerns.		

gotting info

It is very important that you read all question text, even if the questions look similar.

These next questions ask about getting information. Thinking about your experiences with your current or previous rheumatologists, please indicate how much of the time each of the following have (or ever have) occurred for you.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Most of the time	Αlι
My rheumatologist gives me enough time to ask questions during my visits.	0	0		0	(
I feel like I have enough information from all sources to make good decisions about my medication				0	

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	time	Αl\
I do my own research before changing my medication.	0	0		0	(
My rheumatologist gives me enough information to decide which medication to take.					

feel about meds

These next questions ask how you feel about medication for RA. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements. If not sure of your answer, please give your best guess.

	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree	S
Medication is needed to keep my RA under control.	0	0		0	
The right diet, vitamins or supplements could allow (or has allowed) me to reduce the dose or stop some of my medication.					
The right diet,					

my symptoms.					
	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree	S
My life would be a real challenge without my RA medication.	0	0		0	
My RA medication protects me from getting worse.	0	0	0	0	
I expect that one day I will be able to stop taking all RA medication for good.	0	0	0	0	

side effects

These next questions ask how you feel about side effects. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements. If not sure of your answer, please give your best guess.

	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree
I have underlying health problems that put me at higher risk than most RA patients for getting a serious side effect from RA medication.				
I feel RA medication is too risky to take.	0			0
	Do not agree	Slightly	Moderately	Strongly

hear about from other patients (in person or online) make it hard to take RA medication.	0	0	
Bad experiences I learn about (from the drug manufacturers, doctors or other sources) make it hard to take RA medication.			

changing meds

These next questions ask how you feel about decisions to change your medication. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements. If not sure of your answer, please give your best guess.

	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree
Rheumatologists need to use a trial and error approach because it's impossible to know which medication will work for each patient.	0			
I need to be in a lot of pain before I would be willing to change my RA medication.	0	0	0	0
I sometimes think it is better				

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	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree
It is hard to decide whether to switch medication.	0	0	0	0
It is hard to decide whether to add medication to the ones I am already taking.	0	0	0	0
It is hard to take a medication for weeks before even knowing if it will work or not.	0	0	0	0

These next questions ask how you feel about managing RA over long periods of time. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements.

	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree
Taking RA medication for years is hard for me.	0	0	0	0
I am tired of taking medication.	0	0		0
Lack of support from family and/or friends makes it hard to take my RA medication.	0	0		
	Do not agree	Slightly	Moderately	Strongly

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people at work makes it hard to take my RA medication.		
I don't think I need to see my rheumatologist as often as recommended.		0
I think I need to see my rheumatologist more frequently (either in person or by telehealth).	0	

worries

These next questions ask about worries some patients have. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements. If not sure of your answer, please give your best guess.

I worry about:

	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree	Ve str ag
I worry about changing medication because I don't know if a new medication will work as well or any better than the one(s) I'm already taking.					
l worry about changing					

new (or			
more) side			
effects.			

Please indicate how much of the time you worry about each of the following. If not sure of your answer, please give your best guess.

I worry about:

	Never worry	Rarely worry	Sometimes worry	Worry most of the time	Alway worr _:
I worry about what will happen if the medication I am on stops working for my RA.	0				0

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	physical damage that RA can do.	0		0	0	0
		Never worry	Rarely worry	Sometimes worry	Worry most of the time	Alway worr
tre	I worry about the negative impact RA medication can have on my body in the long- term.	cisions				

These next questions ask about some treatment decisions you have made with your current or previous rheumatologist(s). Please indicate how often of the time each of the following occurs for you. If not sure of your answer, please give your best guess.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Most of the time	Al
I take less medication than recommended because of cost or insurance.	0	0		0	
I delay (or would delay) changing medication because of worries about side effects.	0	0	0	0	
I decide to reduce or stop taking my RA medication					

I take the medication that my rheumatologist recommends.				0	
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Most of the time	Al
I feel like I don't have much of a say in making decisions about treating my RA.	0	0		0	
My rheumatologist wants me to stay on a medication even though I want to switch.	0	0		0	
My rheumatologist wants me to					

rheumatologist wants me to change medication even though I think it is working well enough.					
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labwork

The following questions ask about blood work. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements for you. If not sure of your answer, please give your best guess.

	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree	S1
Blood work shows if my RA is progressing.	0	0	0	0	
Blood work shows whether I need more or different medication.	0	0		0	
	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree	S1
Blood work shows whether my	0	0	0	0	

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of pain			

The following questions ask about x-rays. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements for you. If not sure of your answer, please give your best guess.

	Do not agree at all	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree	S1
X-rays show if my RA is progressing.	0	0		0	
X-rays show whether I need more or different medication.	0	0	0	0	

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		agree at all	agree	agree	agree) SI
	X-rays show whether my medication is working.					
go	alsays don't always reflect that I am in a lot of pain.					

The following questions ask about goals. How much of a priority is each of the following for you?

	Not at all a priority	Low priority	Moderate priority	High priority	\ t pr
To manage my RA without medication.	0	0	0	0	
To manage my RA with as low a dose of medication or as few medications as possible.	0	0		0	
To be entirely free of pain, fatigue and stiffness even if it means taking more medication from	0	0		0	

open

Is there anything else you'd like to mention that wasn't covered in this survey?

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