



What Are Other Patients Saying?

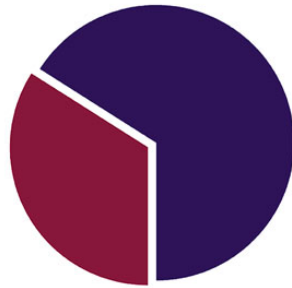
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Patient's Perspective of Rheumatology Care

If you're unsatisfied with the quality of care being given to you by a doctor, you can always go to another specialist for a second opinion. The American College of Rheumatology has a tool that allows you to search by location for a rheumatologist. If your symptoms aren't being completely relieved by your pharmacological treatments, remember that there are supplementary therapies that might help you as well. Simple therapies such as exercise and nutrition can actually help with your arthritis symptoms. A physiotherapist and a dietitian should be able to help you create a practical plan to help with the symptoms that are still present after pharmacological treatments.

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Three stylized human figures are shown side-by-side. The figure on the left is orange, the middle one is dark red, and the one on the right is maroon. They are simple, rounded shapes representing people.



A word cloud of health-related terms. The most prominent words are 'disease', 'care', 'symptoms', 'pain', 'treatment', 'need', 'listen', 'work', 'time', 'RA', 'better', 'cure', 'feels', 'help', 'information', 'drugs', 'relief', 'meds', 'treat', 'tests', 'options', 'concerns', 'fatigue', 'specialist', 'people', 'issues', 'arthritis', 'person', 'severe', 'research', 'want', 'questions', 'life', 'effects', 'management', 'knowledge', 'swelling', 'look', 'blood', 'physical', 'biological', 'afford', 'worrying', 'condition', 'communication', 'body', 'support', 'medicine', 'therapy', 'damage', 'companion', 'seriously', 'actually', 'normal', 'education', 'months', 'control', 'address', 'access', 'swelling', 'curious', 'diagnosis', 'answers', 'results', 'diagnose', 'pharmaceutical', 'insurance', 'live', 'seriously', 'damage', 'companion', 'body', 'support', 'medicine', 'therapy', 'time', 'believe', 'patients', 'change', 'wish'.



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*Data Source: RPF online patient survey, October 2011