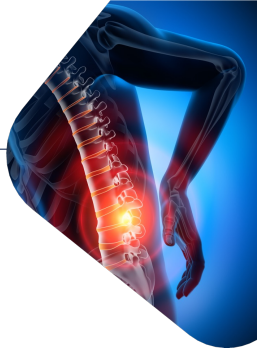


# About Non-Radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA)



Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis is a chronic **inflammatory disease** that affects the spine and other areas of the body.<sup>1</sup> It causes inflammation in the spine and other joints that can lead to symptoms including pain and stiffness.<sup>2,3</sup>

## axSpA consists of two subsets:

### Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA)



**Chronic inflammatory** condition without evidence of radiographic sacroiliitis<sup>4</sup>

**Inflammation** may show up in magnetic resonance images (MRIs), although positive MRI results do not mean patients have the disease<sup>4</sup>

The prevalence is similar or even slightly higher in women than in men.<sup>4</sup>

### Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS)



**Structural damage** of the SI joints and spine that is visible on X-rays<sup>3,4</sup>



Men are diagnosed **3x more often** than women<sup>5</sup>

## Common AS and nr-axSpA signs and symptoms:<sup>3</sup>



Other factors that can help doctors identify AS and nr-axSpA could include **blood tests** to check for elevated inflammatory markers such as C-reactive protein (CRP) and **testing** for the HLA-B27 gene<sup>3</sup>



Symptoms usually start before **age 45**<sup>3</sup>



Initial symptoms may include **pain** and stiffness around the lower back and hips<sup>2</sup>



Can also cause inflammation, pain, and stiffness in other areas, including **neck, shoulders, hips, ribs, heels**, and the small joints of the hands and feet<sup>3</sup>



**Impairment** in physical function<sup>2</sup>

## There are still unmet needs in the diagnosis of axSpA



There is on average up to a **9-year delay** in diagnosis between symptom onset and diagnosis of axSpA.<sup>4</sup>



### There is no current cure for nr-axSpA

Disease management focuses on controlling symptoms, relieving back pain and stiffness, and maintaining physical function.<sup>6</sup>

Patients should visit a healthcare professional to establish care.

A rheumatologist is commonly the type of physician that manages axSpA.<sup>3</sup>

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