

## Advantage Hers focuses the definition of chronic inflammatory diseases on:

- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Axial spondyloarthritis (including ankylosing
- spondylitis and non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis) Psoriatic arthritis
- Psoriasis



#### **Causes of these chronic** inflammatory diseases<sup>1</sup>

These chronic inflammatory diseases are caused by long-term inflammation, lasting months to years, which stems from the immune system fighting off harmful stimuli.



#### **Common symptoms** of these diseases<sup>1</sup>

Pain, joint damage, constant fatigue, gastrointestinal complications and frequent infection.

These chronic inflammatory diseases affect >180 million people worldwide<sup>19-21</sup>

#### Did you know?

People with these chronic inflammatory diseases are at risk of developing another related condition.2-6



#### Potential impacts of these diseases<sup>1,2,7-17</sup>

- Joint damage
- Loss of function
- Reduced quality of life
- Increased risk of depression, anxiety and stress Increased risk of diabetes or heart disease

#### Did you know?

Chronic diseases can exacerbate symptoms of depression, and depressive disorders can lead to chronic diseases.18



# Women are particularly impacted by these chronic inflammatory diseases

Rheumatoid arthritis is 3 times more common in women than in men.<sup>22</sup>



It's important anyone living with these chronic inflammatory diseases works with their specialist to develop a long-term disease game plan that is tailored for their individual needs.



Women with psoriasis experience a greater feeling of stigmatization and are more likely to suffer stress and loneliness than men.23,24

# Compared to men, women with axial spondyloarthritis can:6,24-28

Experience greater delays to diagnosis

- Experience greater fatigue
- Be less active as a result
- Experience greater pain, anxiety and stress

Women often have limited information on how to best manage their condition throughout their lives.<sup>29</sup>

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