



FOR PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS
(PsA)



Designed by patients in collaboration with medical professionals.

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## ABOUT THE CANADIAN SPONDYLO-ARTHRITIS ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Spondyloarthritis Association (CSA) is a national association created to support people living with Spondyloarthritis (SpA), including ankylosing spondylitis (AS), psoriatic arthritis (PsA), inflammatory bowel disease associated arthritis (EnA), juvenile idiopathic arthritis, and associated spondyloarthritis diseases.

A patient-led advocacy and education organization, we partner with patients, caregivers, and the broader medical community to connect fellow SpA patients with evidence-based information and resources throughout their whole-life health journey.

As vocal thought leaders and change agents, we are dedicated to making the patient journey better. We are actively working to eliminate the despair and frustration that comes with waiting years for a proper diagnosis. We are the only organization focused solely on Canadians living with Spondyloarthritis.





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### HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET:

This pain management booklet, created by the Canadian Spondyloarthritis Association, is a valuable daily resource for individuals navigating life with psoriatic arthritis

To effectively utilize this booklet, start by familiarizing yourself with its contents. Begin by filling in the pages dedicated to tracking pain symptoms, noting the intensity, location, and duration of any discomfort you experience. The mood tracker allows you to monitor the emotional toll of your condition, helping you identify patterns and triggers. Incorporate the exercise section to record your physical activity levels, noting any modifications or adjustments necessary for your condition. Utilize the

medication log to keep a record of your prescriptions, dosages, and any side effects you may encounter, and keep track of upcoming doctor's appointments and consultations to ensure proactive management of your condition. Utilize the journaling pages to express your thoughts, feelings, and experiences related to your journey with psoriatic arthritis. We have also included a handy discussion guide to prepare for conversations with your doctor, ensuring you address all concerns and collaborate on an optimal treatment plan.

By consistently utilizing this comprehensive tool, you can gain valuable insights into your pain management strategies and make informed decisions about your health and well-being.



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## Spondyloarthritis **Discussion Guide**

If you're living with spondyloarthritis, it's important that you feel empowered to advocate for yourself and to speak openly with your doctors and other healthcare providers about managing your disease. This Discussion Guide is developed to help you prepare for your appointments to ensure a productive conversation about your SpA goals and concerns.

Pain

Fatigue

	Record the	intensity	of your	symptoms	in th	ne last	month:
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1 = no | 2 = mild | 3 = moderate | 4 = severe

Flare-ups					
Mental health concerns					
Stiff joints					
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LIFESTYLE CHANGES					
Record your recent lifestyle ha	bits:				
Diet					_
Exercise					_
Smoking					_
Cannabis use (recreational/med	ical)				
Alcohol consumption					
Other					
IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE					
Record the number of days in t	he last r	month lo	st in:		
Social activities/Hobbies ———					_
Work/Academics					
Sleep					
Family and intimate relationship	os				
Other					

Create a meaningful and impactful conversation during your appointment using these 3 steps:

#### 1. COME PREPARED

Come prepared with the information you've collected. Remember, your appointments are your chance to advocate for yourself. You've diligently tracked your symptoms and concerns — don't hold back. Your insights matter. Use the tracker to present a clear picture of your condition.

#### 2. COLLABORATE

Collaborate with your health care provider to set impactful goals for managing your symptoms. For example:

l. Excel at work	Your #1 goal:
2. Wake refreshed, sleep better	
3. Rediscover hobbies with ease	Other goals:
4. Enjoy social connections/outings	
5. Grow your family	

#### 3. ASK QUESTIONS

For example:

- 1. How do I reduce my inflammation and visible lesions?
- 2. Should I be aware of any newer medications and treatment options?
- 3. What are the benefits or risks of these treatment options?
- 4. Are there any specific foods I should eat or avoid eating?
- 5. How can I calm a psoriasis flare-up?
- 6. Can you recommend any pain management considerations?

Your questions:	
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The Canadian Spondyloarthritis Association (CSA) provides information, resources, and support for people living with AxSpA, as well as their caregivers.

Visit sparthritis.ca to learn more.

Review goals discussed with your health care provider and reflect on progress monthly.

Keep monitoring your symptoms, medications, and lifestyle changes to ensure effective management.

# **JOURNAL**

These dedicated pages serve as a sanctuary for chronicling your experiences, reflections, challenges, and triumphs as you navigate your spondyloarthritis journey. In documenting your progress, we hope you gain clarity, learn from setbacks, and celebrate small victories along the way. These pages serve as your personal roadmap through the complexities of living with spondyloarthritis.	· ·	
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