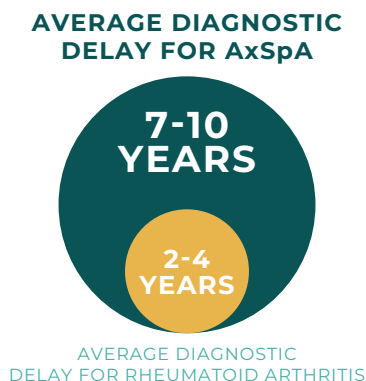
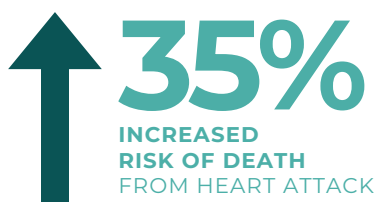
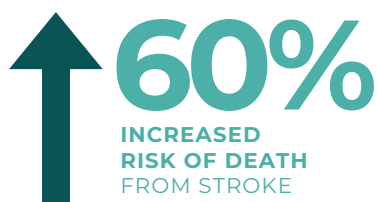
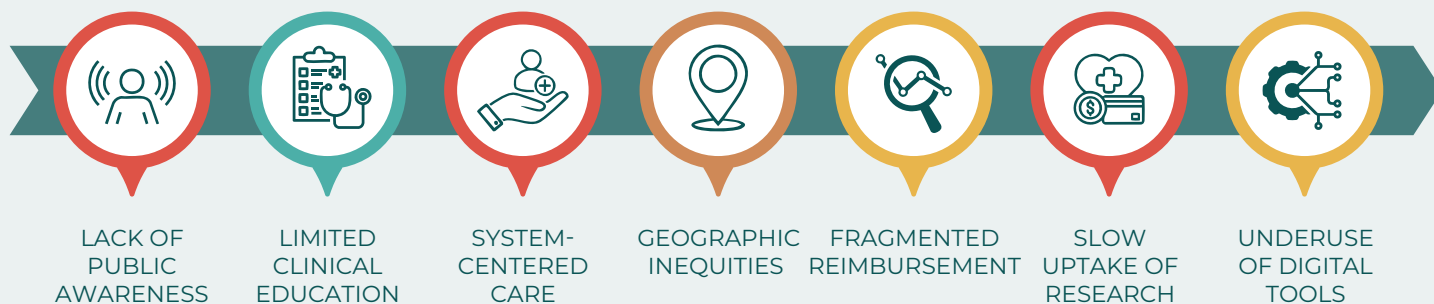


It's Time to Act: Reducing the Delay to Diagnosis in Axial Spondyloarthritis (axSpA)



EACH YEAR OF DELAY = IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE, DECLINING MENTAL HEALTH, AND LOST PRODUCTIVITY

BARRIERS TO DIAGNOSIS



THE GOAL:

**CUT CANADA'S
7-10+ YEAR
DIAGNOSTIC DELAY
IN HALF
WITHIN 3 YEARS**

KEY ACTIONS

- Launch national awareness campaign and expand CSA's self-screening tool
- Embed axSpA education into medical and allied health curricula
- Enable direct referrals by physiotherapists and chiropractors
- Expand tele-rheumatology and culturally safe models of care
- Advocate for equitable reimbursement across provinces
- Integrate digital referral tools and AI imaging
- Increase rheumatology training positions and virtual access