

The Cost of Waiting: The Economic Burden of a Delayed Spondyloarthritis Diagnosis in Canada

Based on the 2025 CSA Burden of Illness Report (UBC & Arthritis Research Canada)

Spondyloarthritis (SpA) is a group of inflammatory diseases including: Axial SpA (axSpA), Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA), Enteropathic Arthritis, and Reactive Arthritis.

1 IN 100

PEOPLE IN CANADA
LIVING WITH
SPONDYLOARTHRITIS

16-28

AVERAGE AGE
OF SYMPTOM ONSET

\$293,317

AVERAGE ANNUAL SOCIETAL
COST PER PATIENT OF A
DELAYED SpA DIAGNOSIS

41

AVERAGE AGE
AT DIAGNOSIS

500,000+

PEOPLE IN CANADA LIVING
WITH SOME FORM OF SpA

NATIONAL ECONOMIC BURDEN

The estimated average costs of delayed SpA diagnosis

\$3.26 BILLION
ANNUALLY

The estimated average costs of delayed axSpA diagnosis:

\$2.01 BILLION
ANNUALLY

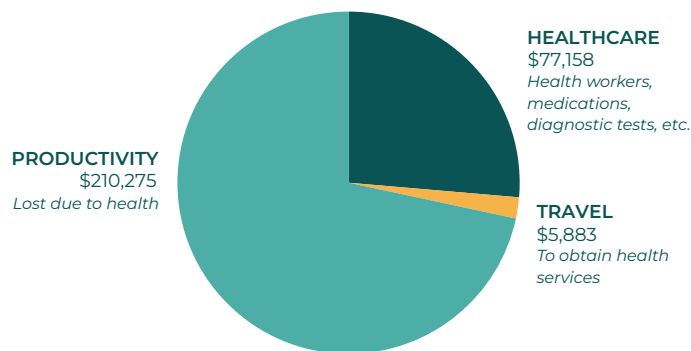
The estimated average costs of delayed PsA diagnosis:

\$1.25 BILLION
ANNUALLY

Average years lost before proper care/treatment

13 YEARS

Cost per patient before diagnosis (Total SpA)



Cumulative cost per year before diagnosis (Total SpA)

