

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

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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

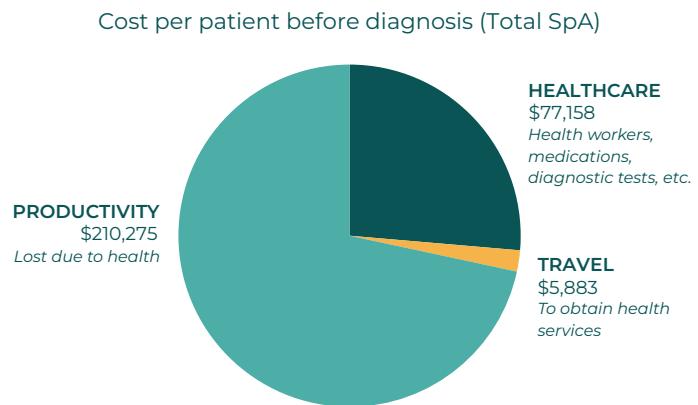
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AVERAGE AGE
AT DIAGNOSIS

\$293,317
AVERAGE ANNUAL SOCIETAL
COST PER PATIENT OF A
DELAYED SpA 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

Cumulative cost per year before diagnosis (Total SpA)

