

CAN YOU HELP?

If you have inflammatory arthritis you may be eligible to participate in ARAD.

You can ask your rheumatologist to fill out a 'Permission to Contact' form.

Alternatively, if you would like to register your interest directly, a 'Participant Expression of Interest' form can be downloaded from the ARAD website:
http://www.rheumatology.org.au/rheumatologists/ara_database.asp

Your ARAD state co-ordinator will then:

1. Send you an ARAD pack which contains a patient information and consent form, questionnaire, and a reply paid envelope.
2. Contact you to explain the project and what your involvement would be.

We encourage you to discuss your participation with your Rheumatologist.

For more information please contact your State Co-ordinator:

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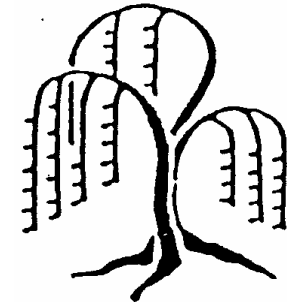
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ARAD:
Collecting long term health
information to provide better care
for people with arthritis



A R A D

**Australian
Rheumatology
Association
Database**

Do you have:

- Rheumatoid arthritis,
- Ankylosing spondylitis,
- Psoriatic arthritis,
- Juvenile arthritis?

If so, you may be eligible to participate in the Australian Rheumatology Association Database, a national registry established to collect health information from all Australian patients with these types of arthritis.

WHAT IS ARAD?

ARAD was established in 2002 as a national registry for people with inflammatory arthritis conditions.

ARAD aims to enhance the care of people with arthritis by studying the long-term outcomes of the condition, including responses to new medications.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

ARAD aims to include all Australians with inflammatory arthritis conditions including:

- rheumatoid arthritis
- ankylosing spondylitis
- psoriatic arthritis
- juvenile arthritis
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All information provided to us will be confidential. It is protected by a unique project number in the registry and is accessible only by ARAD staff.

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WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT ARAD?

ARAD is unique because:

- There is no other health registry in Australia which collects comprehensive information on biological drugs as well as conventional treatments.
- It relies on information from patients, not rheumatologists.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

Participation involves completing a written postal questionnaire survey every 6 months. Each questionnaire should take about 30 minutes to complete.

ARAD collects information about your arthritis and health, the medications you take, your quality of life, and information from state and federal health registries.

There are NO blood or other physical tests in ARAD.

Participation is completely voluntary, however the longer you are able to contribute to the database, the more valuable ARAD will become.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE SAID

FEELING ALOT BETTER THAN A YEAR AGO
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO BE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR ARAD STUDY.

Thank you for this research. is good work u do here guys.