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[**Researchers probe impediments to timely detection of axial spondyloarthritis**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__medicalxpress.com_news_2020-2D07-2Dprobe-2Dimpediments-2Daxial-2Dspondyloarthritis.html&d=DwMFAg&c=ZbgFmJjg4pdtrnL2HUJUDw&r=wz4qyJVsXkRLp_fQmmNb_l1OI0BL8TTTgPIoA09CNbo&m=Nm6Mjo0UL3MFmVh_xod1zAv2_QUtZI1kE3SlCt4ZRSs&s=YIKNIjJ_DapOrflabEBAnLnC1zTU7SFGDK2_W6FN9co&e=)

**July 16, 2020**

·         The article quotes EULAR President Professor Dr Iain B. McInnes and  Scientific Chair of the EULAR Scientific Committee Professor Dr. John Isaacs,describing the varied symptoms of axSpA and its limitation on mobility over time

·         It described the EMAS study design and key findings and concludes with quote from Professor Dr. Denis Poddubnyy, who participated in the study, “*Improving professional training could indeed prevent unnecessary delays in diagnosis”*

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**By Laura Joszt**

**July 15, 2020**

·         Report on the EMAS abstract presented at EULAR noting patients experience a ‘*diagnostic delay of more than 7 years, on average’*

·         It outlines the key findings for this delay including the number of professionals involved in incorrect diagnosis leading to delays.

·         John Isaacs, scientific chair of the EULAR Scientific Committee is quoted in the article noting “*timely treatment can help to prevent permanent damage to bones and joints*" as are the authors of the study, they conclude with “…*the need for urgent action to reduce incorrect referrals to shorten the patient journey to diagnosis across Europe”*

**Alpha Galileo**

[**EULAR: Timely Detection of Axial Spondyloarthritis: Patients experience more than 7 years delay to Diagnosis of Axial Spondyloarthritis due to incorrect referrals**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.alphagalileo.org_en-2Dgb_Item-2DDisplay_ItemId_195215-3Freturnurl-3Dhttps-3A__www.alphagalileo.org_en-2Dgb_Item-2DDisplay_ItemId_195215&d=DwMFAg&c=ZbgFmJjg4pdtrnL2HUJUDw&r=wz4qyJVsXkRLp_fQmmNb_l1OI0BL8TTTgPIoA09CNbo&m=QyuWU5G4HMzSQGdP4NgYHmLDVgYbX9kfK3yKKrVNF6I&s=a7wW0bfRk1miSGJsNqa4fPRw2Ts9NMzh_NFdelmUlfI&e=)

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·         This very closely aligns to the coverage reported in *News Medical*. It quotes EULAR President Professor Dr Iain B. McInnes and Professor Dr John Isaacs, Scientific Chair of the EULAR Scientific Committee describing disease symptoms.

·         Study author Professor Dr Marco Garrido-Cumbrera, described the ‘*huge’* disease burden placed on patients ‘*as they suffer from terrible and disabling pain for so many years, without even knowing the source of the pain’* and goes on to add “*a diagnosis introduces a specific and appropriate treatment and brings hope for the future*”

**News Medical**

[**EMAS study investigates factors associated with diagnostic delay in axial spondyloarthritis**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.news-2Dmedical.net_news_20200715_EMAS-2Dstudy-2Dinvestigates-2Dfactors-2Dassociated-2Dwith-2Ddiagnostic-2Ddelay-2Din-2Daxial-2Dspondyloarthritis.aspx&d=DwMFAg&c=ZbgFmJjg4pdtrnL2HUJUDw&r=wz4qyJVsXkRLp_fQmmNb_l1OI0BL8TTTgPIoA09CNbo&m=QyuWU5G4HMzSQGdP4NgYHmLDVgYbX9kfK3yKKrVNF6I&s=4N_CKBJAaC_ufQl2XiM47j69s3Q8k1UfDNo81PgR2RY&e=)

**By James Ives, M.Psych**

**July 15, 2020**

·         The article quotes EULAR President Professor Dr Iain B. McInnes, describing disease symptoms and how it limits mobility over time.

·          Professor Dr John Isaacs, Scientific Chair of the EULAR Scientific Committee , is also quoted in the article, describing how physicians may initially fail to diagnose the disease due to its varied symptoms – “*Many years can pass until the correct diagnosis is made. It is important, however, to detect and accordingly treat the disease as early as possible. Timely treatment can help to prevent permanent damage to bones and joints”.*

·         It then goes onto describe EMAS study and key findings, outlining ‘the most strongly associated parameter [with longer time to diagnosis]…was the number of medical professionals involved prior to diagnosis’*.*

·         Professor Dr. Denis Poddubnyy, who also participated in the study, comments on the diagnosis delay noting "*the fact that visiting a higher number of healthcare professionals delayed the diagnosis shows that there is an urgent need to take measures that prevent misdirected referrals and bring patients with a high probability of axSpA directly to a rheumatologist”*highlighting the need for improved training.