

What is Axial Spondyloarthritis?

axSpA is a painful chronic inflammatory disease that primarily affects the spine and sacroiliac joints (SIJs)¹

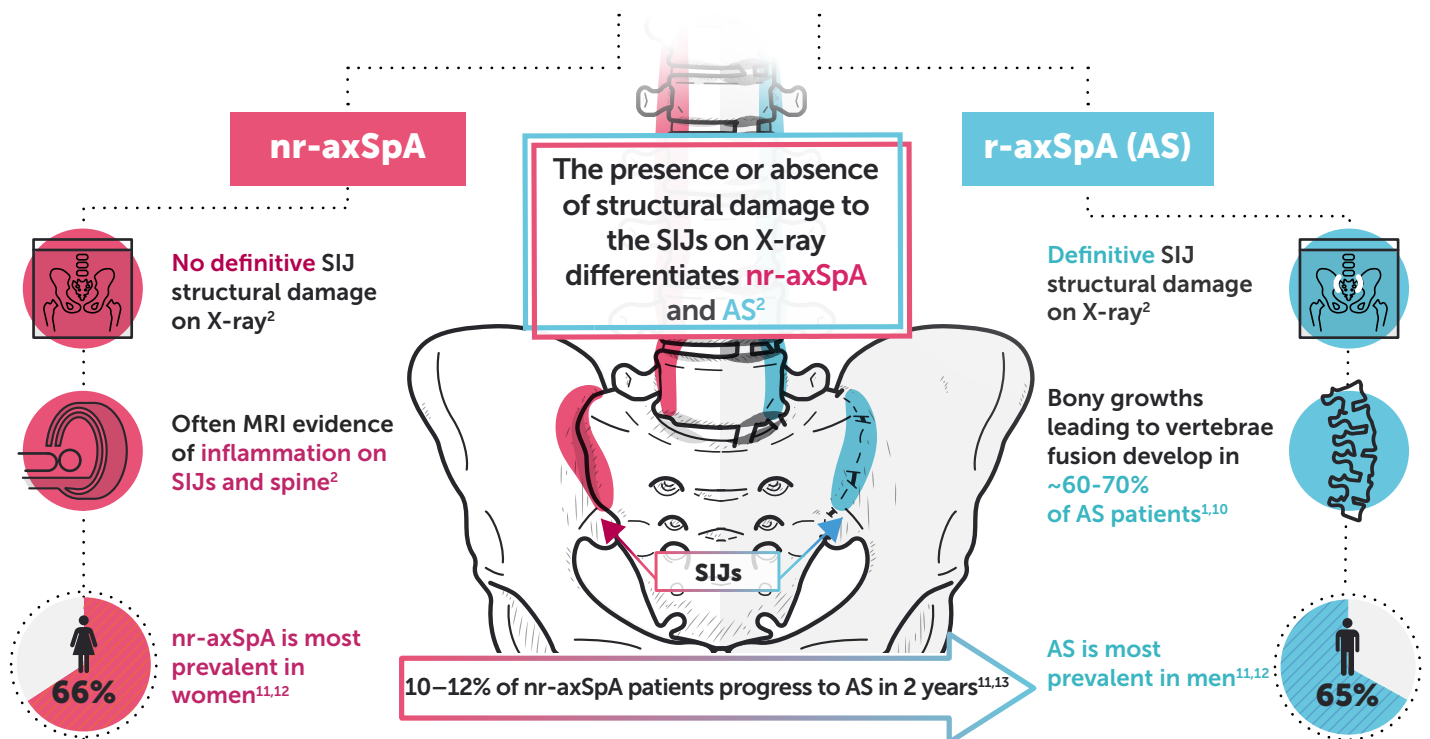
axSpA is an umbrella term for non-radiographic axSpA (nr-axSpA) and radiographic axSpA (r-axSpA) also known as ankylosing spondylitis (AS)²

Leading symptom:
Inflammatory back pain that improves with exercise, and worsens with rest¹

Disease onset:
Usually before the age of 40, often in the 20s^{3,4}

Prevalence:
Similar to rheumatoid arthritis, 0.2-1.4% of adults have axSpA^{5,6,7}

axSpA is equally prevalent in both men and women^{8,9}



Patients with nr-axSpA and r-axSpA share common clinical features which can include^{2,10,13-15} ...

... and experience a significant and similar disease burden²

Uveitis: Eye inflammation

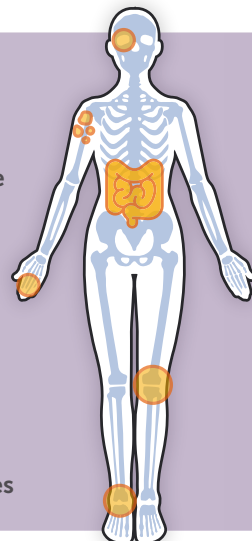
Enthesitis: Inflammation of the points of insertion of tendons and ligaments into bone

Peripheral arthritis

Psoriasis: Skin disease

Inflammatory bowel disease:
Chronic inflammation of the digestive tract

Dactylitis: Inflammation of the fingers or toes



... Inflammatory back pain



... Severe stiffness & reduced mobility



... Fatigue & difficulty sleeping



... Decreased quality of life



... Impaired social participation



... Impaired work & home productivity

Abbreviations: axSpA, axial spondyloarthritis; nr-axSpA, non-radiographic axSpA; AS, ankylosing spondylitis; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; r-axSpA, radiographic axSpA; SIJ, sacroiliac joint

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