

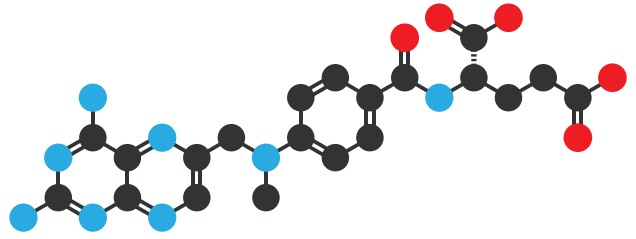
What is the difference?

Osteoarthritis

Rheumatoid Arthritis



Mainly restricted to joints
(wear and tear)



A systemic (whole body)
autoimmune condition



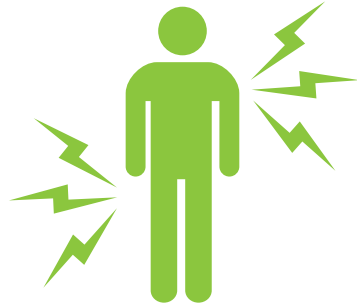
Generally affects older people



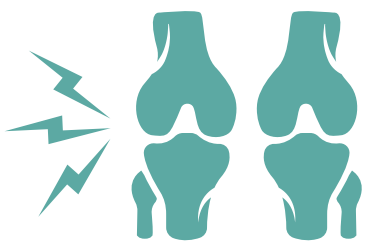
Affects people of any age



Pain restricted to affected joints



Can be whole body pain



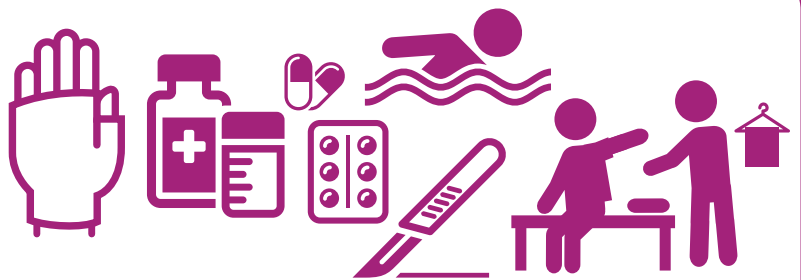
Usually asymmetric
steady progressive joint pain



Generally symmetrical in joints
plus numerous other symptoms



Treatment not so complex



Treatment is often complex



Stiffness generally occurs
later in the day



Morning stiffness can last
longer than one hour



Is not classified
as a medical emergency



Suspected inflammatory arthritis (like RA)
is classified as a medical emergency