

# Glossary of terms

## **Axial Spondyloarthritis (axSpA)**

A category of chronic inflammatory diseases (nr-axSpA and AS) that primarily affect the spine and sacroiliac (SI) joints.

## **Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS)**

A chronic inflammatory disease that affects the spine and SI joints. Damage to the SI joints is visible on X-ray.

## **Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA)**

A chronic inflammatory disease characterized by active inflammation of the spine and SI joints. Damage to the SI joints is not visible on X-ray but may be visible by MRI.

## **Sacroiliac Joints (SIJ)**

Joints that connect the lower spine and the pelvis.

## **Clinical Features**

### **Dactylitis**

Inflammation or swelling of fingers or toes.

### **Enthesitis**

Inflammation of the entheses, the points where tendons or ligaments insert into the bone.

### **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)**

Chronic inflammation of the digestive tract.

### **Peripheral Arthritis**

Arthritis in the arms and legs, often in the large joints.

### **Psoriasis**

A chronic inflammatory skin disease that causes skin cells to build up and form scaly, itchy dry patches on the skin.

### **Uveitis**

Inflammation of the uvea, the middle layer of the eye wall tissue.

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