Arthritis is an umbrella term used to describe over 100 diseases and conditions, including inflammatory rheumatic diseases (like rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and lupus). When considering the severity of these diseases, it becomes clear that they are much more than aches and pains. Rheumatic diseases – whether lumped under the term ‘arthritis’ or not – can be painful, debilitating, and life-threatening.

- Depression, anxiety, memory loss
- Eye irritation and inflammation
- Increased risk of lung diseases and pulmonary fibrosis
- Kidney failure
- Skin hardening; psoriasis
- Miscarriages and stillbirths (can cause erectile dysfunction in men)
- Anemia

Learn more about the physical, emotional, and economic impact of rheumatic diseases at www.SimpleTasks.org
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