52.5 million Americans are living with some form of rheumatic disease, including rheumatoid arthritis (RA), osteoarthritis, lupus, gout, scleroderma, ankylosing spondylitis, Sjögren’s and juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Rheumatic diseases are the leading cause of disability in America and cost the U.S. healthcare system an estimated $128 billion annually.1

About the American College of Rheumatology

The American College of Rheumatology represents U.S. rheumatologists, rheumatology health professionals and the millions of U.S. patients living with rheumatic disease. We advocate for high-value, high-quality healthcare policies and reforms that will ensure safe, effective, affordable and accessible rheumatology care for our patients.

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