MARYLAND
Rheumatic Disease Report Card

The Rheumatic Disease Report Card was created to answer the question, "How easy is it to live with a rheumatic disease in my state?" The report card empowers policymakers, patients and the public to address the healthcare access, affordability and activity and lifestyle factors that impact an individual’s ability to live well with a rheumatic disease.

WHAT IS RHEUMATIC DISEASE?
Rheumatic disease is an umbrella term for more than 100 conditions that can attack the body’s muscles, joints and organs. Common conditions include rheumatoid arthritis, gout and lupus. Rheumatic diseases affect one in four Americans and are the nation’s leading cause of disability.

ABOUT MARYLAND’S GRADE
Your state’s grade is based on a number of factors, including the number of people per available rheumatologist, the strength of your state’s policy efforts to improve treatment access and affordability, and the percentage of the population whose daily activities are limited due to rheumatic disease. The findings show that action is needed to improve quality of life for people in Maryland who live with rheumatic diseases.

Rheumatic diseases can be debilitating—but they don’t have to be. With access to the proper healthcare, patients can live happier, healthier lives.

TAKE ACTION: RAISE THE GRADE ON ARTHRITIS CARE IN MARYLAND!
Join the American College of Rheumatology and Simple Tasks™ in our efforts to raise the grade on arthritis care in your state:

☑️ TAKE ACTION!
Support legislation that improves access to affordable rheumatology care.

☑️ GET CONNECTED!
Follow the American College of Rheumatology and Simple Tasks for the latest information on rheumatic disease care.

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ACCESS GRADE A
AFFORDABILITY GRADE B
ACTIVITY GRADE A

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