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Osteoarthritis

CONDITIONS

MOORE THAN ARTHRITIS | PRACTICAL, TRUSTED, PERSON-CENTRED

What this guide is about

Osteoarthritis can cause joint pain and stiffness when structures within a joint change over time. Symptoms vary and do not always match what an X-ray shows.

Practical next steps

- Notice the pattern: affected areas, timing and how long stiffness lasts.
- Ask what diagnosis is being considered and what treatment aims to achieve.
- Keep moving within a tolerable range; ask about therapy support if needed.
- Seek prompt advice for a hot swollen joint, fever, sudden eye symptoms or rapid decline.

KEEP THE WHOLE PERSON IN VIEW

This resource supports informed conversations. It does not diagnose, replace personalised medical advice or create legal advice.

Trusted starting points

NHS - Arthritis information: [nhs.uk/conditions/arthritis](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/arthritis)

Arthritis UK - Information and support: [arthritis-uk.org](https://www.arthritis-uk.org)