

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Rheumatoid Arthritis

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	FOR PEOPLE WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, LIFE OFTEN REVOLVES AROUND TWO THINGS.
Eric Matteson, M.D. Track 1 (40:05)	"FIRST IS PAIN. PAIN IN THE JOINTS. AND STIFFNESS. A LOT OF STIFFNESS. UNUSUAL STIFFNESS. STIFFNESS THAT CAN LAST FOR HOURS."
	MAYO CLINIC DR. ERIC MATTESON SAYS THAT PAIN AND STIFFNESS ARE THE RESULT OF AN OVER- EXCITED IMMUNE SYSTEM. INSTEAD OF PROTECTING US, IT ACTUALLY TURNS ON THE BODY, CREATING INFLAMMATION THAT, IN

	TURN, CAN RESULT IN DIBILITATING DAMAGE TO THE JOINTS
Dr. Matteson Track 1 (38:50)	“THE AVERAGE AGE OF ONSET IS ABOUT 55 YEARS ALTHOUGH IT HAPPENS IN ONE YEAR OLDS, TWO YEAR OLDS, TEENAGERS, AND IT CAN HAPPEN TO PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 90 AS WELL.”
	RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS IS A CHRONIC DISEASE WITH NO CURE. BUT TREATMENTS ARE GETTING BETTER. PATIENTS ARE LIVING LONGER, FUNCTIONING BETTER AND HAVE LESS NEED OF JOINT SURGERY THAN EVEN JUST TEN YEARS AGO.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

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