

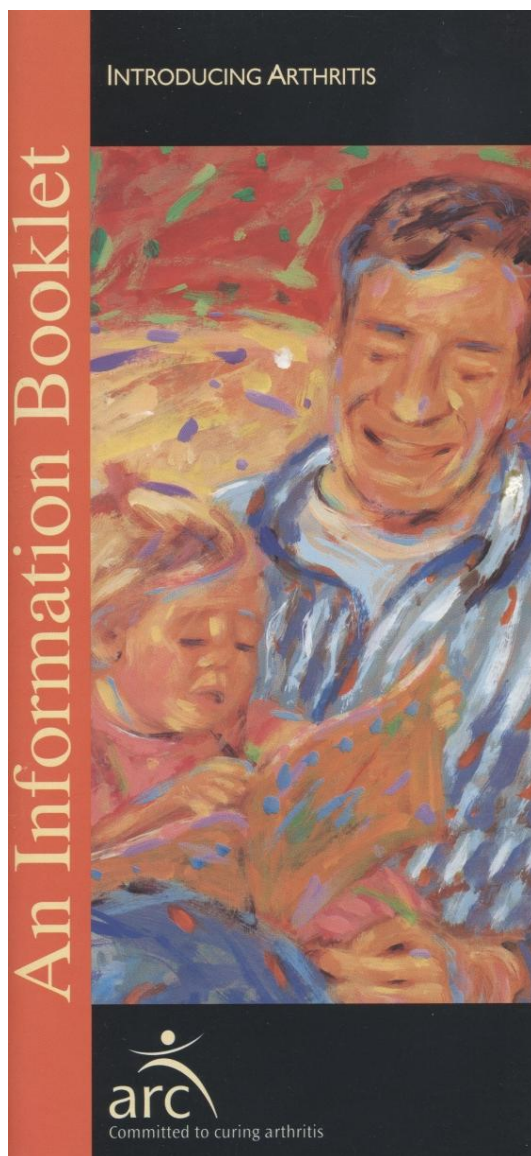
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Summary

This booklet is designed to give you some helpful information about arthritis and other joint problems, and how the Arthritis Research Campaign (ARC) is fighting them.

Arthritis and rheumatism – is there a difference?

'Arthritis' is a term used by doctors to describe inflammation within a joint – as in rheumatoid arthritis, for example. The term comes from the Greek 'arthros', meaning joint, and 'itis', meaning inflammation. 'Rheumatism' is a more general term which is used to describe aches and pains in or around the joints. Because there are many possible causes of these pains doctors do not often use the term 'rheumatism' and will usually refer to these problems either by a specific diagnosis (e.g. 'rheumatoid arthritis', 'gout') or according to the part of the body affected (e.g. 'low back pain' or 'knee pain'). Doctors sometimes use the terms 'musculoskeletal conditions' or 'the rheumatic diseases' to refer to a whole range of conditions which affect the joints.

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