Preparing for the appointment with your rheumatologist

Talk to your doctor about how moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) affects you.

Your joint pain could be a sign of joint damage which maybe irreversible.

If joint pain, swelling, and stiffness are making it difficult for you to do daily activities, tell your doctor so together you can discuss treatment options.

Think about your symptoms over the past week or two.



For how long did morning stiffness last on your best and worst day?



In the past 2-3 weeks, which did you have more of?

Good days	Not-so-good days
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Have your symptoms made it hard to do any of these activities?

Dress yourself (including tying shoelaces and buttoning		No	Unsure
clothes)			
Run errands	Yes	No	Unsure
Cut food	Yes	No	Unsure
Get in and out of bed	Yes	No	Unsure
Walk up steps	Yes	No	Unsure

Describe how your symptoms affect your daily activities.

Which other everyday tasks (like opening jars, picking up clothes, or bathing/showering) have become more difficult for you?

Which of your favourite activities or hobbies are no longer possible (like jogging or spending time with friends and family)?

Talk to your doctor and ask if ENBREL may be right for you.

Add other questions here:					

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