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Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis

People don't often associate children with arthritis. However, arthritis is a term for a category including over 100 rheumatic diseases that can affect any person at any age. Rheumatic diseases can originate in the connective tissue or can be the result of an autoimmune disorder. A child with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis will feel joint pain, swelling, and stiffness. There might be a history of recurring fever and fatigue. These symptoms can indicate another problem, so be sure to consult your child's pediatrician. Don't be surprised if the doctor calls in other experts to help with a treatment program. Your child's healthcare team might include a rheumatologist, a physical therapist, an orthopedist, as well as the pediatrician.

P.S. It's unclear what the cause of the disease is, but genetics may play a part. Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis usually affects kids before they turn 15.

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