

# Is **OSTEO** **ARTHRITIS** a **SERIOUS** disease?

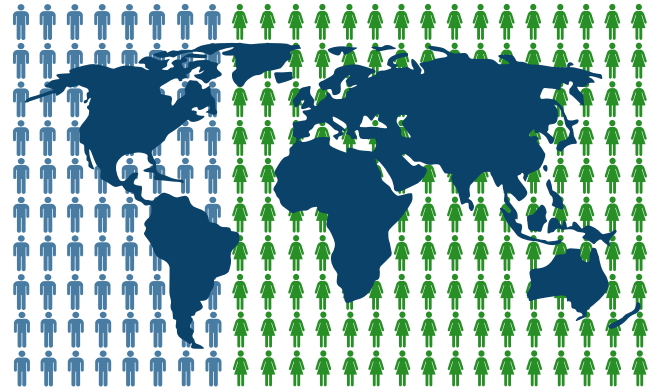
**YES YES YES** and **THIS** is why



## OA is COMMON & GROWING

Affects **240 million** people worldwide

more women **2X** than men



## OA limits LIFE

**25%** cannot do normal activities

**80%** are limited with movement

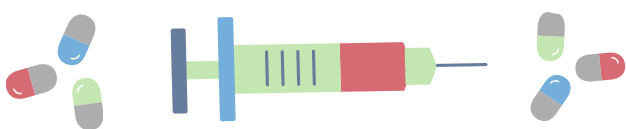
Risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension & death

## OA has NO CURE

While treatment can reduce pain,

**NO** approved drugs prevent OA

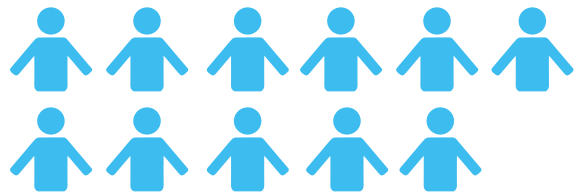
**NO** approved drugs slow progression



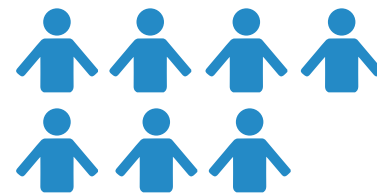
Surgery can **REPLACE** but does **NOT RESTORE** the natural joint

According to the experts...

**EVERYONE** should receive education to be active, exercise, & manage their weight



**SOME** may benefit from drugs or injections



**FEW** need surgery



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Osteoarthritis: A Serious Disease White Paper available at [bit.ly/OASeriousDisease](http://bit.ly/OASeriousDisease)



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