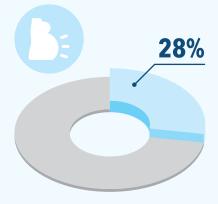
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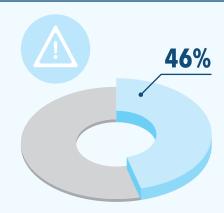
FAMILY PLANNING EXPERIENCES AND INFORMATION NEEDS

Highlights from <u>Baring It All: Final report from a survey on reproductive and sexual health in women+ with inflammatory arthritis, rheumatic, and psoriatic diseases.</u>

We heard from over 400 people with inflammatory arthritis, rheumatic, and psoriatic diseases who identify as female (women+) to understand their reproductive and sexual health concerns. They shared their experiences and insights regarding contraception, family planning, menopause, sexual health, and parenting.



More than a quarter (28%) of participants did not discuss having a child with their healthcare provider until they were pregnant.



Less than half of participants (46%) received counselling from a doctor about pregnancy risks, medication safety, and other relevant factors before considering pregnancy.

EXPERIENCE WITH MEDICATIONS AND FAMILY PLANNING









63% of participants had to switch the medications they were taking to ones that were safe in pregnancy or breastfeeding.

MORE FAMILY PLANNING INFORMATION IS NEEDED FOR WOMEN+ WITH INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS, RHEUMATIC, AND PSORIATIC DISEASES:

Medications that are safe during pregnancy	93%
Medications that are safe for breastfeeding	84%
Advice on how to manage the impact of pain	82%
Advice on how to manage the impacts of fatigue	77%
Advice on parenting and living with their condition	73%
Questions to ask their healthcare provider about starting a family	62 %

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Healthcare providers should engage in ongoing and regular discussions about family planning with their patients.
- Patient organizations should collaborate with rheumatology and dermatology experts to develop informational materials for women+ about family planning.
- Rheumatology and dermatology experts should work with patient organizations to develop standards of care for family planning counselling.







