

# DANGEROUS CURVES AHEAD



## HELP US MOVE IN A NEW DIRECTION

ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS, OR BRITTLE SPINE DISEASE, IS A TYPE OF ARTHRITIS WHICH PREDOMINANTLY AFFECTS THE SPINE. THE RESULTING INFLAMMATION CAN LEAD TO CHRONIC PAIN, LOSS OF MOVEMENT, FATIGUE AND DECREASED QUALITY OF LIFE. IN SOME CASES THE SPINE BECOMES PERMANENTLY FUSED IN A FORWARD-STOOPED POSITION. OTHER AREAS OF THE BODY OFTEN AFFECTED BY ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS, (A.S.), INCLUDE THE EYES, LUNGS, HEART, RIBS, SHOULDERS, HIPS, HEELS, AND SMALL JOINTS OF THE HANDS AND FEET. THE GENERAL ONSET OF THIS DISEASE OFTEN OCCURS IN PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 TO 35. SINCE THERE IS NO CURE AT THIS TIME, IT IS CONSIDERED A LIFE-LONG DISEASE. A.S. REMAINS RELATIVELY UNKNOWN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC EVEN THOUGH IT AFFECTS AN ESTIMATED 33 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE AWARENESS AND TO FUND RESEARCH TO FIND A CURE FOR THIS DEBILITATING DISEASE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT US AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:  
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