

Giant cell arteritis (GCA) is a **DEBILITATING CONDITION** caused by inflammation of large and medium-sized arteries.¹

Common symptoms of GCA include:²

Severe headaches, scalp tenderness, jaw pain and visual symptoms that can lead to blindness, aortic aneurysm or stroke if untreated.



GCA affects adults over 50 years old.²

The exact cause of GCA is **UNKNOWN**.

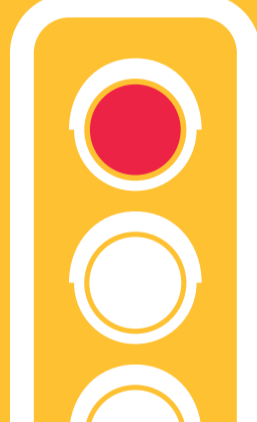


GCA is often difficult to diagnose due to the variable spectrum of symptoms. This can result in **DELAYED** or **INCORRECT DIAGNOSIS**.³



At least **TWICE AS MANY WOMEN** are affected by GCA as men.⁴

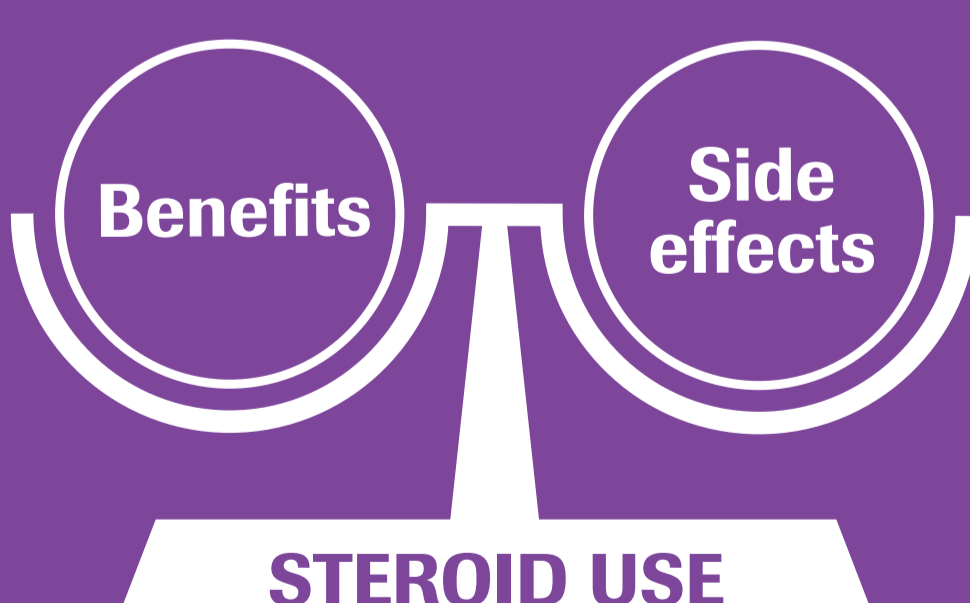
For more than **50 YEARS** there were **NO NEW TREATMENTS** for GCA.



HIGH-DOSE STEROIDS are often used to treat GCA, however...



...these commonly cause severe side effects such as **diabetes, osteoporosis, fractures, infection, high blood pressure, cataracts and weight gain**.⁵



Recent studies have shown that **BLOCKING IL-6 SIGNALLING** could reduce the inflammation of blood vessels in GCA.⁶



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