

# What Is sJIA?

A card for teachers, coaches & family

sJIA stands for **Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis**. It is a rare autoinflammatory disease where the immune system mistakenly attacks the body. Unlike regular arthritis, it does not just affect joints, it can affect organs, cause high fevers, and cause extreme fatigue. Symptoms can change very quickly. A child can seem completely fine and then be seriously ill within hours. Medication helps manage the disease but does not cure it. On most days, kids with sJIA function well and want to be treated like any other child.



## Rare Disease

Fewer than 1 in 10,000 children are affected



## Whole Body, Not Just Joints

Can affect organs, muscles, skin, and more



## Unpredictable Flares

Fine one hour, seriously ill the next



## Requires Medication

Managed but not cured, ongoing treatment



## Invisible Disability

Kids often look healthy while in significant pain or exhaustion. "You don't look sick" is one of the hardest things they hear.

Feel free to screenshot, print, or share this card with anyone in your child's life.  
The more people who understand, the safer and more supported your child will be.

Learn more at [SJIAHelp.com](https://SJIAHelp.com)