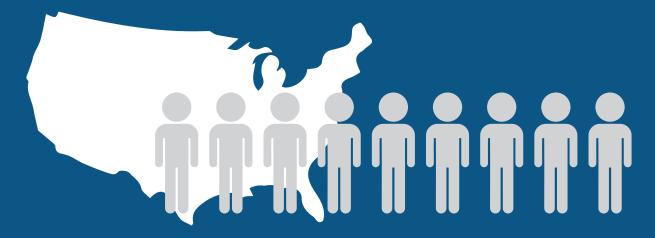
GOUT AWARENESS DAY

May 22

Gout affects more than 9 million Americans.



Gout, **a form of arthritis**, is caused by a buildup of uric acid in the body. The condition leads to **sudden**, **intense pain and swollen joints** that may become **red and hot**.



Gout's painful attacks can be debilitating, and the long-term consequences of untreated gout can be serious.

If you think you or someone you know has gout, see a health care provider.



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