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7) CHILDREN'S ARTHRITIS

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CHILDREN WHO DEVELOP RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF GOING INTO REMISSION IF THE DISEASE IS DIAGNOSED EARLY, SAYS DR. RICHARD RASKIN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE:

11.28 Children do relatively well on treatment for rheumatoid arthritis. We have a good chance of inducing remission, of getting the disease to go away in children.

BECAUSE EARLY TREATMENT IS IMPORTANT, PARENTS NEED TO BE ALERT TO THE EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF THE DISEASE, DR. RASKIN SAYS:

14.39 (well) it's interesting that children practically never complain of joint pain, but they will show a limp, they won't want to use the joint that's involved if it's hurting them, they may look as though they're stiff, and these are these things a parent might pay attention to.

EVERYONE GETS SOME ACHES AND PAINS AFTER ACTIVITY. BUT PROLONGED STIFFNESS OR PAIN, THAT LASTS EVEN AFTER AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF REST, MAY ALSO BE A WARNING SIGN. IF SYMPTOMS PERSIST, SEE YOUR PHYSICIAN. THIS IS HEALTHLINE, FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.