

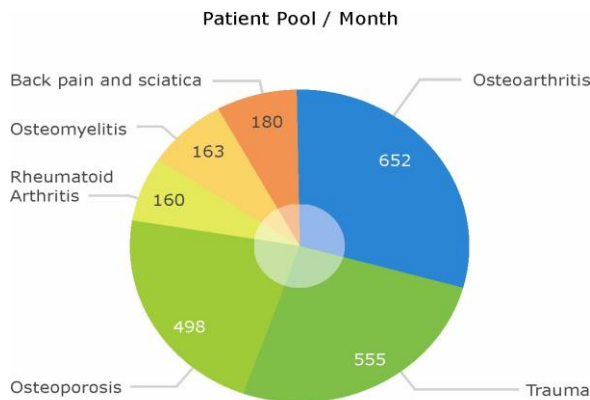
In India, the science of orthopedics is quickly evolving. Today there are approximately 20,000 practitioners throughout the country and this number continues to increase. One of the most prevalent conditions in this therapeutic area is Arthritis where there are more than 150 million patients currently under treatment.

Arthritis affects approximately 1 child per thousand each year and in adults the incidence of Osteoarthritis from age 40 onward, is equal to or slightly more than the numerical age group (e.g. 40% after age 40 – 55 and up to 85% % after age 70.)

Many top Orthopedics centers in India are reporting an average overall increase in out-patients, of 5% - 10% per year. Data from our sites suggests that between the years 2003 to 2006, the leading Investigators treated approximately 70,000 patients, in this therapeutic area.

### Our Sites and Investigators

Our access to the most prominent Orthopedics sites and Investigators ensures a large and diverse patient pool and leading lines of medical treatment. We ensure that clinical trials are conducted according to ICH-GCP guidelines and meet the highest standards of ethics and integrity.



CITIES	SITES	INVESTIGATORS
Bangalore	10	12
Chennai	6	7
Hyderabad	7	9
Jaipur	6	6
Lucknow	11	12
Mumbai	6	6
New Delhi	6	7
Pune	3	4
Others	19	18
<b>Total</b>	74	81

### Excel Life Sciences Orthopedics Experience

Indication	Phase
Rheumatoid arthritis	III
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*Excel Life Sciences (ELS) is India's premier clinical trial and site management organization with extensive regulatory and clinical trials expertise. ELS has conducted over 40 studies for FDA submission and has undergone successful FDA and EMEA audits. We lead a network of ICH-GCP compliant investigators across 30 cities. Excel Life Sciences has offices in Boston, Chicago, New Delhi, and Research Triangle Park, NC.*

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