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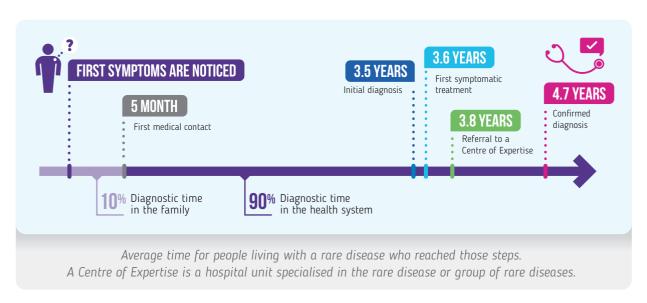


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**42** countries

### Average time between first symptoms and further steps of the diagnostic odyssey



#### Difficulties associated with the diagnostic odyssey



**60**<sup>%</sup>

have been **misdiagnosed** with another **physical disease**.



**4**0%

have NOT been referred to a **Centre of Expertise**.



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have been **misdiagnosed** with another **psychological disease** or had their symptoms not taken seriously.



**25**<sup>%</sup>

had **8 consultations or more** with healthcare professionals before their diagnosis was confirmed.





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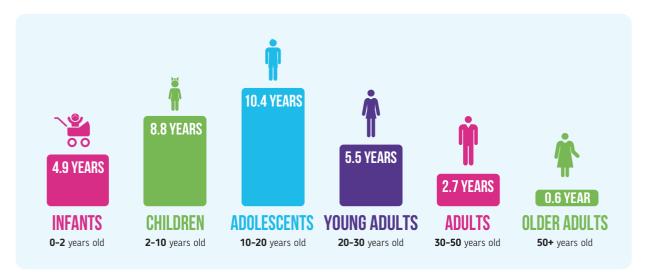


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### Children and adolescents have a longer diagnosis journey than adults



Women have a *longer* diagnosis journey than men

The diagnosis journey is **shorter** when people living with a rare disease are referred to a Centre of Expertise\*









