# **Diseases and Disorders**

## Some diseases and disorders of the joints include:

### Osteoarthritis

A non-inflamatory disease generally caused by abrasion which in turn causes wear on the joint.

## **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

An inflamatory condition of the joints where the synovial membrane has become inflamed. it is widely viewed as being caused by the contraction of a virus.

## Gout

Gout is related to diet and is the result of the deposition of uric acid at the joints. Red meat in particular is cited as being a contributor.

### Osteoporosis

The degeneration of bone tissue where the bone density diminishes and becomes more brittle. It is a result of a lack of calcium.

### Stress (mental)

The result of muscle tension pulling on joints excessively.