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ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

2nd Annual Conference and Research Symposium





SAVE THE DATE!

October 30 – November 1, 2014
Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton
Centre Hotel
Toronto, Ontario

The Arthritis Alliance of Canada
is pleased to present its
2nd Annual Conference and
Research Symposium
in partnership with the
Gairdner Foundation and the
CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal
Health and Arthritis.

Measurement Framework for Inflammatory Arthritis Models of Care

Thank you for Responding to Our Call!



**THANK YOU
FOR THE CALL!**

On behalf of the Arthritis Alliance of Canada Models of Care Performance Measurement Working group, we would like to thank all who accepted our invitation to participate in a state-of-the-art 3-Round consensus online voting process which will start on September 1st, 2014. Within less than a week, over 45 stakeholders including people living with arthritis, academic and community rheumatologists, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, administrative, government representatives, etc. have confirmed participation in this exciting project.

If you know of colleagues who are still interested in participating, please let them contact Lina Gazizova at lgazizova@mtsinai.on.ca.

Thank you again for your contribution in bringing this project to its successful start!

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CENTRE OF CANADA

The Arthritis Research Centre of Canada (ARC) was very successful in the recent Canadian Rheumatology Association CIORA grant competition with five grants funded to ARC scientists. Principal Investigators of four of the five grants include Drs. Glen Hazlewood, Mary De Vera (two grants) and Diane Lacaille. Dr. Paul Fortin is co-investigator on a fifth grant. ARC scientists were also successful in the recent CIHR Signature Initiative in Inflammation competition.



Dr. John Esdaile, the Nominated Principal Investigator, received funding for the team grant “PRECISION: Preventing Complications from Inflammatory Skin, Joint and Bowel Conditions” along with more than 25 co-investigators including four consumers. In this same competition, Dr. Cheryl Barnabe, in addition to her key role in PRECISION, was co-investigator on two other Signature Initiative grants. To access the latest ARC eNewsletter, go to <http://www.arthritisresearch.ca/the-news/newsletter-archive>.

THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

NATIONAL

Walk to Fight Arthritis unites 10,000 Canadians



On the second Sunday in June, in over 25 communities, 10,000 Canadians joined the 5th annual Walk to Fight Arthritis. The arthritis community rallied together to do their part to create a future without arthritis in the single biggest day of public engagement for the cause – and the best showcase of support so Canadians with arthritis know they are not alone. Special guests joined the celebration in communities coast to coast, including Olympians Kelsey Serwa (B.C.) and Amy Cotton (N.S.), veteran news anchor Lloyd Robertson (Ont.), and an extensive list of elected officials.

“Arthritis Friendly Products” program now called “Ease of Use”

We are proud to announce that The Arthritis Society’s “Arthritis Friendly Products” program is now “Ease of Use” (EOU). The core of the program remains the same, encouraging manufacturers to design products and packaging that are easy to use for people with arthritis. Manufacturers pay an annual fee to submit products for review by an independent research firm, and may promote their approved products using the EOU designation, which is also shared by the Arthritis Foundation in the US. Vendors are able to certify in either country, or both, using common logos across all markets. The “Ease of Use” name makes it clear to consumers that certification does not speak to the quality or efficacy of the product, only that the product is designed to be easier for someone with arthritis to manipulate and interact with.

BC & YUKON DIVISION

The Original Charlie Brown

Dr. Charles Brown, or as he prefers – Charlie – has a very strong commitment to The Arthritis Society. Back in 1948 when The Arthritis Society was first founded by Mary Pack as CARS (Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatology Society), Charlie was a medical student, and cites the organization as igniting his interest in becoming a rheumatologist.



In 1949, “The Society offered financial backing to several medical students to take a year of Rheumatological Training. Harold Robinson, Bruce Frane and I accepted this great gift of \$3000 to do a year of this training, so I am very indebted to The Arthritis Society,” shares Charlie. Charlie knew and worked with Mary Pack personally, and in 1951, he opened up rheumatology practice in Victoria - the first ever. Now in his nineties, Charlie continues to speak and give presentations about arthritis and what The Arthritis Society does for people living with the disease.

MEMBER'S CORNER

QUEBEC

Kids on the Move Camp

This July 28th, The Arthritis Society will launch the 11th annual Kids on the Move Camp for youngsters 8 to 16 years old living with arthritis. Kids on the Move Camp is a week of activities with an experienced medical team, at Camp Papillon in Saint-Alphonse-de-Rodriguez in Quebec.



The Arthritis Society would like to thank all who contributed to making this amazing adventure possible for 50 campers living with arthritis. For information, contact Jordan McArán Bourque at jbouque@arthritis.ca.

38 Renowned Specialists: The 1st Quebec Forum on Arthritis

The Arthritis Society-Quebec Division invite you to the 1st Quebec Forum on Arthritis, which will take place on October 18 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. This major event will welcome a large number of attendees who will discover insightful presentations and a fair devoted to arthritis and related therapeutic approaches. The goal is to bring together as many participants as possible from across Quebec and Canada to further the dialogue on this widely prevalent condition.

The Quebec Forum on Arthritis is also intended for health care professionals who will have access not only to a specialists' fair, but to continued education opportunities through Médecins francophones du Canada as well as a panel discussion about arthritis in the workplace and a meeting with Quebec's Ministry of Health. For more information or to register, please visit www.quebecforumarthritis.ca.

BONE AND JOINT CANADA

Following a stakeholder engagement process last year, Bone and Joint Canada hosted a meeting in May 2014 in Toronto to present on some of the innovative initiatives that are occurring across the country in the prevention and management of Osteoarthritis (OA). The focus of the meeting was to identify opportunities for implementation activities as well as to identify gaps in knowledge that might be the basis for future research. The meeting included researchers, clinicians, administrative and decision makers/policy makers as well as patients and individuals from the health and wellness sector.

The follow up plan is to develop action plans with leaders in the identified areas of prevention and management of early osteoarthritis so that there is a framework for a coordinated approach to activity to reduce disease progression and improve outcomes for people with OA. If you want information about the initiative, please contact Rhona McGlasson at Rhona.McGlasson@bell.net

CANADIAN ARTHRITIS PATIENT ALLIANCE (CAPA) CAPA Patient Charter Survey

CAPA would like to thank all 732 Canadians who provided their time and feedback to us for the Arthritis Patient Charter. Over the summer, we will be incorporating this feedback in to the Patient Charter which will be launched in Arthritis Month. Stay tuned here for more information over the summer and thank you for your support.



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS (CAOT)

CAOT's New Resources on Universal Design



Universal design is a way to create products and environments that are more usable by everyone, regardless of age or ability. Universal design can be defined as the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible without the need for adaptation or specialized design. In this definition the needs of persons with wide ranges of cognitive, visual, hearing, mobility and agility functions are taken into account as well as the needs of persons of various heights, widths and ages. To find out more about universal design, please [click here](#).

CANADIAN CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION (CCA)

The prevalence of lower back pain experienced among the military is double that of the general public, and overall musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions are the leading cause for medical releases and non-deployment. Despite the tremendous burden MSK injuries placed on the military, many are still faced with important barriers to accessing appropriate care. Our soldiers and veterans deserve better. The CCA appeared as witness to the Standing Committee on National Defence in December 2013 recommending the development of a comprehensive MSK Strategy for the members of the Canadian Forces and veterans. The final report from the Standing Committee on National Defence (NDDN) has just been published, and the recommendation reads as: *"The Committee recommends that the Government of Canada develop a comprehensive musculoskeletal strategy to better understand and address the causes of injury, encourage early treatment, and reduce the current barriers to soldiers and injured veterans getting the care they need."* The CCA will continue to support CF initiatives to enhance the prevention and management of MSK conditions.

McCAIG INSTITUTE FOR BONE AND JOINT HEALTH

The McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health has received \$4.7 million in funding from the province of Alberta. This brings Dr. Steven Boyd and his team closer to the \$17.9 million that is needed to complete the new Mobility and Joint Health Facility located at the University of Calgary. The research facility will be utilized to study biomarkers, mobility and imaging. This unique facility will assess an individual's bone and joint health on every level, allowing for immediate results that can change the lives of those suffering from bone and joint conditions more quickly.

Community Updates

CANADIAN RHEUMATOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE DATA (CANRAD) NETWORK

The CANRAD Network team includes a variety of decision makers, epidemiologists, clinicians and researchers interested in the use of administrative data for rheumatic disease research. This spring we held a webinar with a presentation by Dr. Jacques LeLorier on the challenges of drug safety and effectiveness analyses and we recently held a successful summer webinar with a presentation by Dr. Sasha Bernatsky on Bayesian hierarchical models. For more information pertaining to the CANRAD Network and the webinars, please contact Autumn Neville autumn.neville@clinepi.mcgill.ca.

OSTEOPOROSIS CANADA

Osteoporosis Presentations - for patients

Are you Too Fit To Fracture? New exercise and physical activity recommendations for individuals with osteoporosis. Originally aired - June 25, 2014. If you were unable to participate or would like to view the past presentations on osteoporosis, click [here](#).

Beyond the Break – for healthcare professionals

Have you registered for the upcoming webcasts?

Module 5: New Exercise Recommendations

Part 1: Overview of Too Fit to Fracture Exercise Recommendations

Presented by Dr. Lora Giangregorio, PhD, University of Waterloo

Friday, June 27, 2014 (12-1pm ET)

Part 2: Clinical Application of the Recommendations

Presented by Dr. Judi Laprade, BA, BScPT, MSc, PhD, University of Toronto

Friday, July 4, 2014 (12-1pm ET)

For more information: <http://www.osteoporosis.ca/health-care-professionals/beyond-the-break/>.

Ottawa creates panel to improve quality and efficiency of health care

Health Minister Rona Ambrose announced on Tuesday the creation of a panel to consider national and international health-care innovations to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of patient care in Canada.

Dr. Cy Frank, an orthopedic surgeon who focuses on detecting which patients are on a trajectory for joint replacement, is a member of this panel. To read a full article, please follow the link

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/health-and-fitness/health/ottawa-announces-new-panel-on-health-care-innovation/article19306098/>



Calendar of Events

Canadian Physiotherapy Association National Congress	June 19-22, 2014	Edmonton, AB
Canadian Paediatric Society Annual Conference	June 25-28, 2014	Montréal, QC
9th Annual Summer Obesity Boot Camp	July 19-27, 2014	Edmonton, AB
Council of the Federations (COF) - 2014 Council of the Federation Summer Meeting	August 26-30, 2014	Charlottetown, PEI
American Society for Bone & Mineral Research	October 12-15, 2014	Houston, TX
Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses - Dynamics of Critical Care Conference	September 21-23, 2014	Québec, QC
Cochrane Collaboration Colloquium	September 21-26, 2014	Hyderabad, India
Quebec Rheumatology Association	October 23-25, 2014	Québec, QC
Arthritis Alliance of Canada 2nd Annual Conference and Research Symposium	Oct 30-Nov 1, 2014	Toronto, ON
American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting	14-19 November 2014	Boston, MA

ABOUT THE ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

With more than 35 member organizations, the Arthritis Alliance brings together arthritis health care professionals, researchers, funding agencies, governments, voluntary sector agencies, industry and, most importantly, representatives from arthritis consumer organizations from across Canada. While each member organization continues its own work, the Alliance provides a central focus for national arthritis-related initiatives.

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