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Seasonal Greetings!

Dear Readers,

*We wish you and your families a wonderful Holiday
Season that is full of light, happy and bright!*

*Thank you, to each and every one of you, for your
engagement and contributions in the passing year.
We wish you abundance, happiness, and peace for
a happy New Year 2015!*

Happy Holidays!



ARTHRITIS CONSUMER EXPERTS (ACE)

Arthritis Consumer Experts published its eighth annual JointHealth™ Arthritis Medications Report Card. The Report Card helps Canadians evaluate how their province measures up in terms of providing reimbursement access to medications approved for autoimmune types of arthritis. It also draws attention to the expansion in 2014 of two new classes of medications – subsequent entry biologics and targeted small molecule medications. Highlights from this year's Report Card:

- British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec share the number one ranking in the Report Card.
- The provinces that most improved their ranking were:

British Columbia (1st in 2014 – 3rd in 2013)

Quebec (1st in 2014 – 3rd in 2013)

Nova Scotia (5th in 2014 – 7th in 2013)

- The province that experienced a ranking decline were:

Alberta (7th in 2014 – 6th in 2013)

New Brunswick (8th in 2014 – 7th in 2013)

Prince Edward Island (8th in 2014 – 7th in 2013)

The printed copy of the Report Card is available at rheumatologists' office across Canada. You can also view monthly updates online at bit.ly/JHReportCard.

THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

NATIONAL

Clinical Practice Skills for Inflammatory Arthritis Professional Development Program for Occupational and Physical Therapists



The Arthritis Society is committed to educating health-care professionals in the most up-to-date arthritis best practices. This long-established professional development program, formerly called Total Assessment of Inflammatory Polyarthritis, has evolved over 37 years. The program is a blend of online, didactic and hands-on learning, delivered over a four-day period.

Date: May 6-9, 2015

Event Location: Four Points by Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Rd S., London, Ontario, Canada.

The program emphasizes best practice assessment and management techniques as applied to the most common types of inflammatory arthritis. Upon completion of the program, participants will have the skills to effectively recognize and report on the physical status of clients with inflammatory arthritis and to formulate an appropriate treatment plan. To learn more, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Participant Testimonial

"This is the most useful course I have been at in terms of learning information and skills that I can apply right away."

BC & YUKON DIVISION

Giving Back With Knowledge and Grace

Kelowna's own Laurel D'Andrea was recently honoured with a Giving Hearts Award at the 17th annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon in Vancouver. With the motto of the event being "change the world with a giving heart", Laurel was recognized for being an outstanding volunteer fundraiser for various causes that are important to her. The Arthritis Society nominated Laurel for her incredible dedication to the cause, not only in the role she played in helping bring awareness and much needed funds to those living with arthritis, but also because she has shared her own personal journey with arthritis, helping to inspire others to join the fight.

ARTHRITIS PATIENTS ADVISORY BOARD (APAB) OF ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CENTRE OF CANADA (ARC)

APAB Researcher Recognition Award for Outstanding Patient Inclusion

Dr. Linda Li recognized for involving patients in shaping research



Arthritis Patients Advisory Board (APAB) is pleased to announce the 2014 recipient of the APAB Researcher Recognition Award for outstanding patient inclusion; Dr. Linda Li, a senior Research Scientist at the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada.

This award is presented to exemplary arthritis researchers who involve and include patients in research on a regular basis. There are numerous examples of her commitment to this process, including a current series of studies examining the use of activity monitors to support physical activity in patients with chronic disease. The patient voice is encouraged, valued and ultimately incorporated in her research. Read more at <http://www.arthritisresearch.ca/the-news>.

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Show us your best Downward Dog on March 8, 2015!



On Sunday, March 8, 2015, thousands of Canadians will be taking part in the "Power of Movement" event. Join us! To find out more about festivities in your city, please visit www.powerofmovement.ca. Follow us @POMMarch2015 or Like us on Facebook at Power of Movement! See at the Mat!

COCHRANE COLLABORATION



The Cochrane Collaboration, an international, non-profit organization, produces and disseminates "gold standard" systematic reviews about the effectiveness of health care treatments. These reviews provide information for consumers, healthcare professionals, policy makers and researchers assisting them to make well informed healthcare decisions about treatments based on evidence. This year, the 12th Annual Cochrane Canada Symposium "Reaching New Heights, Measuring Success" is being held in Calgary, Alberta, 21-22 May 2015.

A consumer stipend application is available for completion from 28 January to 4 March 2015 (1600 hours EST) on the website: ccsymposium2015.com.

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. We held a webinar on Tuesday, December 16th at 2PM EST with a presentation by Jeffrey Curtis, MD, MS, MHP, Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Director of the Arthritis Clinical Intervention Program. For more

information, please contact Autumn Neville autumn.neville@clinepi.mcgill.ca or visit our website <http://www.canradnetwork.ca/>

The Canadian Network for Advanced Interdisciplinary Methods for comparative effectiveness research' (CAN-AIM) team was funded by CIHR to develop novel methods using prospective longitudinal cohorts and to respond to key knowledge gaps regarding drug safety and effectiveness by answering queries which arise from Health Canada and other regulatory parties. Our demonstration project looked at the comparative effectiveness of anti-tumor necrosis factor (TNF) agents versus traditional disease-modifying agents (DMARDs) in reducing orthopaedic surgery in rheumatoid arthritis (RA). For information, please visit our website <http://canaim.ca/> or contact Autumn Neville at autumn.neville@clinepi.mcgill.ca.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

It Isn't Always What You Think. Comparing Adverse Events in Hip Replacement

In this episode we are joined by Dr. Deborah Marshall and Karen MacDonald from the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary. Deborah and Karen focus their research program on health technology assessment methods – including the synthesis of evidence, measurement of preferences, cost-effectiveness analysis, and health systems modelling. They conducted a systematic review examining differences in adverse event rates between total hip resurfacing and total hip arthroplasty procedures in patients with Osteoarthritis (OA). For more information, please follow the podcast link at <http://www.patientsafetypodcast.com/home/episode-guide/epi-33---adverse-events-in-hip-replacement>.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER

2014 Faculty of Dentistry Advanced Research Seminar and Workshop on "Sjögren's Syndrome"

A special annual event was held for 60 graduate students and Faculty mentors at the McGill Faculty of Dentistry on October 12 from 09.00-13.00h. The Workshop featured four speakers. Three scientific speakers reviewed the latest and ongoing molecular and clinical research on Sjögren's syndrome as well as the current and novel (under reviewed by FDA), neurostimulatory device for the treatment of xerostomia. The highlight of the meeting was the participation of a fourth speaker, Mrs Inge Probst-Baber, a patient who gave a vivid testimony of her life and coping strategies while facing that terrible autoimmune systemic rheumatic disease. Her participation had a significant impact on all in attendance.



UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL



Université Laval is cordially inviting you to participate in the 21st Canadian Connective Tissue Conference, being held May 28-30, 2015, at Université Laval in Québec City, Québec. We are looking forward to your attendance.

Calendar of Events

Inflammatory Diseases: Recent Advances in Basic and Translational Research and Therapeutic Treatments	January 13-18, 2015	Vancouver, BC
Canadian Rheumatology Association Annual Scientific Meeting & AHPA Annual Meeting	February 4-7, 2015	Quebec City, QC
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, 11 th Congress of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation	February 18-21, 2015	Barcelona/Spain
Global Summit on the Physical Activity of Children	February 22-25, 2015	San Diego, CA
Power of Movement	March 1, 2015	Nation wide
Registered Nurses Association - Annual Nurse Executive Leadership Academy	March 1-4, 2015	Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting	March 24-28, 2015	Las Vegas, Nevada
Orthopaedic Research Society Annual Meeting	March 28-31, 2015	Las Vegas, Nevada
Ontario Physiotherapy Association - Inter-Action	March 27-28, 2015	Ottawa, ON
Society for Biomaterials Annual Meeting & Exposition	April 15-18, 2015	Charlotte, NC
Canadian Foundation of Healthcare Improvement- Taming of the Queue	April 16-17, 2015	Ottawa, ON
Ontario Gerontological Association 34 th Annual Conference	April 21-22, 2015	Toronto, ON
Canadian Conference on Medical Education 2014	April 25-28, 2015	Vancouver, BC
9 th Annual Summer Obesity Boot Camp	April 28- May 2, 2015	Toronto, ON
Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America AGM	April 29-May 2, 2015	Atlanta, GA
Primary Care Today Conference	May 6-9, 2015	Toronto, ON
Canadian Pain Society's 36 th Annual Scientific Meeting	May 20-23, 2014	Charlottetown, PEI
12 th Annual Cochrane Canada Symposium "Reaching New Heights, Measuring Success"	May 21-22, 2015	Calgary, AB
Ontario Rheumatology Association AGM	May 22-24, 2015	Muskoka, ON
Canadian Orthopaedic Nurse Association Conference	May 24-27, 2015	Fredericton, NB
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference	May 27-30, 2015	Winnipeg, MB
Canadian Connective Tissue Conference	May 28-30, 2015	Québec, QC
Canadian Pharmacists Association Conference	May 28-31, 2015	Ottawa, ON
EULAR - European League Against Rheumatism International Conference with FIMS (International Sport Medicine Federation)	June 10-13, 2015	Rome, Italy
Canadian College of Health Leaders and Canadian Biotechnology Industry Organization International Convention	June 15-16, 2015	Charlottetown, PEI
Canadian Physiotherapy Association National Congress	June 15-18, 2015	Philadelphia, PA
Canadian Physiotherapy Association National Congress	June 18-21, 2015	Halifax, NS
Canadian Paediatric Society Annual Conference	June 24-27, 2015	Toronto, ON
Council of the Federations (COF) - 2014 Council of the Federation Summer Meeting	July 14-18, 2015	Newfoundland
12 th Annual World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology	July 19-22, 2015	Montréal, QC
Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses - Dynamics of Critical Care Conference	September 27-29, 2015	Winnipeg, MB
Cochrane Collaboration Colloquium	October 3-7, 2015	Vienna, Austria
Vasculitis Symposium	October 8, 2015	Calgary, AB
Canadian Vasculitis (CandVasc) Annual Scientific Meeting	October 9, 2015	Calgary, AB

ABOUT THE ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

With more than 36 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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