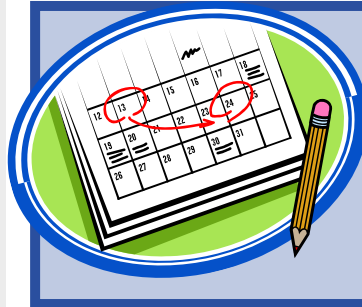


ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!

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SAVE THE DATE!!

ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA
2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 1, 2014!

THE ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

Working together, stakeholder engagement and commitment to improving the lives of those living with arthritis has been fundamental to the success of AAC initiatives.

Building on the success of the November 2013 Inaugural Conference and Research Symposium and the presentation of the Alliance's National Inflammatory (IA) Model of Care (MOC), the AAC is eager to continue to advance the initial priorities set out in the National Framework.

In 2014-15, the AAC is looking forward to another great year of collaborations and accomplishments, including:

- Implementing the National Inflammatory (IA) Model of Care Pathway and Toolkit
- Developing a set of core performance measures for the evaluation of IA Care and the health system
- Using the IA Model to shape the development of an Osteoarthritis model of care. (co-chaired by Drs. Cy Frank and Gillian Hawker and Doug Thompson)
- With our provincial advocacy teams, engaging stakeholders in the Models of Care implementation and evaluation;
- Preparing quarterly 'hot topics' position papers to address high priority issues brought forth by Alliance members
- Hosting a 2nd Annual AAC Conference with dedicated working sessions for targeted outcomes

MEMBER'S CORNER

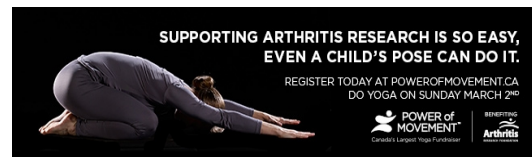
ARTHRITIS CONSUMER EXPERTS

Arthritis Consumer Experts (ACE) is preparing to launch the 7th edition of its annual JointHealth™ Report Card on Provincial Formulary Reimbursements for Biologic Response Modifiers. The Report Card ranks publicly funded medication formularies based on the number of medically necessary biologic arthritis medications they list. Canadians can compare their province's ranking to the rest of Canada, making the provinces accountable to residents living with autoimmune form or arthritis. Several years ago, there were only four medications and four

disease types on ACE's radar. There are now 10 biologics for seven forms of arthritis. If you would like to receive a print version of the Report Card, please call us at (604)974-1366 or send a request to info@jointhealth.org or find it [online](#).

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

On Sunday, March 2, 2014, help bring the Power of Movement to the 4.6 million people living with arthritis and autoimmune diseases by doing yoga. For information visit the website www.powerofmovement.ca. See you on the mat! Like us on [Facebook](#) and/or follow us on Twitter @PowerofMovement.



THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

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Courtesy of a two-year CIHR grant, The Arthritis Society teamed with Memorial University to transform its “[Getting a Grip on Arthritis](#)” program into an online professional development tool – set to go live in coming weeks. Canadian arthritis experts helped shape “Grip”, which addresses the challenge faced by primary health care providers in accessing up-to-date information on optimal arthritis care. The online Grip program targets osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis care, complete with materials on medication, rheumatology referrals, exercise, nutrition and finding additional support. The Arthritis Health Professions Association will recognize Grip's shift online with a 2013 Clinical Innovations Award in late February.

BONE AND JOINT CANADA

BJC Funding for a National Model of Care for Low Back Pain

Bone and Joint Canada (BJC) is pleased to announce that it has received funding to develop a National Model of Care for Low Back Pain (LBP). Canadian patients with LBP face a myriad of healthcare options, with little or no collaboration between providers, often leading to uncoordinated, fragmented and episodic care with little to no value. The current evidence strongly suggests that optimal back pain management requires a model of care incorporating coordinated chronic condition management strategies. Over the last few years a number of provinces have developed models of care for LBP. BJC will leverage the lessons learned in these provinces to develop a national model that addresses evidence based care, system design, policy and education. For further information please contact Rhona McGlasson at Rhona.McGlasson@bell.net.

CANADIAN ARTHRITIS NETWORK

Creating Positive Workplaces for People Living With Chronic Illness including Arthritis

Chronic illnesses, like arthritis, are sometimes referred to as “episodic” or “invisible diseases” because symptoms are often intermittent and not always apparent to others. As a result, this can lead to common misconceptions about employees' work performance. Institute of Work and Health Associate Scientific Director and Senior Scientist Monique Gignac was interviewed for [HRM Online](#) to share her research on these misconceptions, and how employers create a more positive and supportive work environment. Dr Gignac was also interviewed by the [Kingston Whig-Standard](#). There are upcoming articles in HR.com and BenefitsCanada.com.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

NEW CAOT RESOURCES: Occupational Therapy, Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

Alzheimer's disease is a fatal, progressive and degenerative disease that destroys brain cells. It is the most common form of dementia, accounting for 64 per cent of all dementias in Canada. Symptoms include difficulty remembering things, making decisions and performing everyday activities. [Click here](#) to read more.

Community Updates

ADVANCED CLINICIAN PRACTITIONER IN ARTHRITIS CARE (ACPAC) PROGRAM

The ACPAC Program is pleased to announce their full academic affiliation with the Department of Continuing Education and Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. The program has secured funding from the MOH in Ontario, in partnership with The Arthritis Society and industry, to support the next five years of program. The program is currently offered for Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Nurses experienced in arthritis care. Applications for 2014-2015 are accepted until Friday May 16, 2014. For more information about the program please visit <http://www.chronicdiseases.ca/arthritis>.

****Please note prerequisite courses and respective deadlines****.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE AMONG FAMILY DOCTORS

A unique new award by BC College of Family Physicians is looking to recognize excellence among family doctors. The new award, "My Family Doctor", is unlike other awards which are all based on peer nomination. In this case, the award will be based on nominations from patients who wish to recognize their own family doctors. If you value your relationship with your family doctor and want to recognize them for the impact they have made in your life or that of a family member, the BC College of Family Physicians (BCCFP) wants to hear your story. The first annual award will be given out in June, 2014 at the Family Medicine Conference. Both the doctor and the patient involved in the winning submission will receive all-expenses paid travel to attend the event in Vancouver. For more information or to submit a nomination, please visit www.bcfamilyphysicians.com.

CANADIAN CONNECTIVE TISSUE CONFERENCE

The annual Canadian Connective Tissue Conference (CCTC) serves as a vehicle to integrate a basic science and clinical understanding of connective tissues in health and disease, with an emphasis on bone, cartilage, musculoskeletal tissue and skin. The objectives of this conference are to provide and share new knowledge to improve connective tissue health through research, facilitate interactions and collaborations among scientists across multiple fields, and to provide networking opportunities to junior scientists, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students. The 20th CCTC conference will take place at the Delta Armories in London, Ontario from June 9th-10th, 2014. For details, see <http://connective-tissue-canada.com/cctc-2014/>

OSTEOPOROSIS CANADA

[Beyond the Break – Winter/Spring 2014](#)

Osteoporosis Canada and Women's College Hospital have collaborated on the development of an interprofessional education series, "Beyond the Break" presented via telemedicine. Targeted towards health professionals working with people living with osteoporosis, this modular series is designed to provide updates on the latest advances in recognition, diagnosis, treatment and education on osteoporosis.

[Module 1 of 5: Fracture Risk Assessment](#)

Part 1: The Importance of a Comprehensive Fracture Risk Assessment

Date: January 30, 2014

Speaker: Angela Cheung, MD, PhD, FRCPC, University of Toronto

Part 2: Fracture Prevention Strategies in the Orthopaedic Environment

Date: February 21, 2014

Speaker: Victoria Elliot-Gibson, St. Michael's Hospital, Mobility Program - Research Coordinator

To register for upcoming presentations, please visit the Beyond the Break web page at <http://www.osteoporosis.ca/health-care-professionals/beyond-the-break/>

CANRAD NETWORK

We will be holding our annual CANRAD Network meeting on Wednesday, February 26th, 2014 from 10AM until 1PM in Whistler, BC, coinciding with the CRA Annual Scientific Meeting. The meeting will take place at the Fairmount Chateau Whistler and will be attended by members of our CANRAD team of decision makers, epidemiologists, clinicians and researchers. For an agenda and more information please visit us at <http://www.canradnetwork.ca/events/canadian-rheumatology-association-2014-cra-2014-2/>



Calendar of Events

Registered Nurses Association - Annual Nurse Executive Leadership Academy	February 9-12, 2014	TBD
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, 9th Congress of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation	February 20-22, 2014	Copenhagen, Denmark
Canadian Rheumatology Association Annual Scientific Meeting & AHPA Annual Meeting	Feb 26-Mar 1, 2014	Whistler, BC
Power of Movement	March 2, 2014	Nation wide
Inflammation, Infection and Cancer	March 9-14, 2014	Whistler, BC
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting	March 11-15, 2014	New Orleans, LA
Orthopaedic Research Society Annual Meeting	March 15-18, 2014	New Orleans, LA
Innate Immunity, Metabolism and Vascular Injury	March 23-28, 2014	Whistler, BC
Society of Rural Physicians of Canada - 22nd Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Course	March 27-29, 2014	Banff, BC
Ontario Physiotherapy Association - Inter-Action	March 28-30, 2014	Mississauga, ON
Canadian Foundation of Healthcare Improvement - Taming of the Queue	April 3-4, 2014	Ottawa, ON
OARSI World Congress on Osteoarthritis	April 24-27, 2014	Paris, France
Canadian Conference on Medical Education 2014	April 26-29, 2014	Ottawa, ON
Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America AGM	April 30-May 3, 2014	Hollywood, CA
Canadian Orthopaedic Nurse Association Conference	May 4-7, 2014	Calgary, AB
GTA Rehab Network - Best Practices Day	May 5, 2014	Toronto, ON
Saskatchewan Health Quality Council Inspire: Health Care Quality Summit	May 6-8, 2014	Saskatoon, SK
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference	May 7-10, 2014	Fredericton, NB
Primary Care Today Conference	May 7-10, 2014	Toronto, ON
Laurentian Conference of Rheumatology	May 8-10, 2014	Tremblant, QC
Global Summit on the Physical Activity of Children	May 19-22, 2014	Toronto, ON
Canadian Pain Society's 35th Annual Scientific Meeting	May 20-23, 2014	Quebec City, QC
Ontario Rheumatology Association AGM	May 23-25, 2014	Muskoka, ON
Canadian Pharmacists Association Conference	May 21-June 3, 2014	Saskatoon, SK
Canadian College of Health Leaders and Canadian Healthcare Association - Raising the bar: A critical time for bold leadership	June 2-3, 2014	Banff, AB
Canadian Connective Tissue Conference	June 8-10, 2014	London, ON
EULAR - European League Against Rheumatism	June 11-14, 2014	Paris, France
Canadian Nurses Association Biennial Convention	June 16-18, 2014	Winnipeg, MB
International Conference with FIMS (International Sport Medicine Federation)	June 17-21, 2014	Québec, QC

Canadian Orthopaedic Association AGM	June 18-21, 2014	Montréal, QC
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
AAC's 2nd Annual Conference	October 30-Nov 1, 2014	TBD
American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting	14-19 novembre 2014	Boston, MA

Member Organizations

Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute
Arthritis & Autoimmunity Research Centre
Arthritis Community Research & Evaluation Unit
Arthritis Consumer Experts
Arthritis Health Professions Association
Arthritis Research Centre of Canada
Arthritis Research Foundation
The Arthritis Society
Bone and Joint Canada
Canadian Alliance of Pediatric Rheumatology Investigators
Canadian Arthritis Network
Canadian Arthritis Patient Alliance
Canadian Academy of Sports and Exercise Medicine
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
Canadian Chiropractic Association
Canadian Obesity Network
Canadian Orthopaedic Association
Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation
Canadian Physiotherapy Association
Canadian Rheumatology Association
Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology
Canadian Spondylitis Association
Cochrane Collaboration
Consumer Advisory Board of the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada
Consumer Advisory Council of the Canadian Arthritis Network
Institute for Work and Health
McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health
Patient Partners

Member Companies

AbbVie Corporation
Amgen Canada Inc.
Hoffmann -La Roche Limited
Janssen Inc.
Pfizer Canada Inc.
UCB Canada Inc

Want to help?

You can help and get involved by:

- Visiting www.ArthritisAlliance.ca
- Sending promotional material (Joint Action Executive Summary, website information) to your friends, family and colleagues
- Providing feedback. Give us your ideas
- Giving us an update to share with the group
- Telling us about your upcoming events, initiatives, and announcements that are aligned with the Framework
- Helping us to promote Joint Action on Arthritis
- Telling our story and telling yours
- Telling your friends and family
- Writing and calling your local MP/MPP, your Premier, Minister of Health, etc.
- Sharing on Twitter, Facebook, and other social media channels

THE ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE NEEDS TO HEAR YOUR SUCCESSES, STORIES AND PROJECTS THAT WILL SUPPORT THE FRAMEWORK EFFORT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ORGANIZATION TO BE FEATURED HERE, PLEASE FORWARD YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO jcoish@mtsinaion.ca.

ABOUT THE ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

The Arthritis Alliance of Canada, formerly the Alliance for the Canadian Arthritis Program (ACAP), was formed in 2002. Its goal is to improve the lives of Canadians with arthritis.

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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