

ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA NEWSLETTER

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Vancouver, British Columbia, kicking off at 1:30 pm PT on **Thursday, October 26th** with the Annual General Meeting and running through to **Friday, October 27th** until ~2:00 pm PT. The theme of this year's meeting is: ***"Change is Good: Implementing Arthritis Models of Care"***.

We look forward to your participation and engagement in Vancouver!

ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA Arthritis Alliance of Canada Research Award Winners

On Thursday, April 13th, the Arthritis Alliance of Canada (AAC) recognized recipients of the AAC 2016 Research Awards program. Seven awards were presented to the researchers in the following award categories:



1. **Master Student Award**, sponsored by McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health and Joint Health, presented to **Dr. Sharan Rai** (University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC)
2. **PhD Student Award**, sponsored by Arthritis Consumer Experts, presented to **Dr. Nicole Tsao** (University of British Columbia, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Arthritis Research Canada, Vancouver BC)
3. **Post-doctoral Fellow Award**, sponsored by CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis, presented to **Dr. Jessica Widdifield** (University of Toronto, Toronto ON)
4. **Early Career Researcher/Early Career Faculty Member Award**, sponsored by CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis, presented to **Dr. Karine Toupin-April** (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute and University of Ottawa, Ottawa ON)
5. **KT Research Award**, sponsored by Bone and Joint Institute of the University of Western Ontario, presented to **Dr. Linda Li** (University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC)
6. **KT Practice Award**, sponsored by Janssen Inc., presented to **Dr. Jennifer Stinson** (Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto ON)
7. **Patient Engagement Award**, sponsored by The Arthritis Society, presented to **Ms. Sheila Kerr** (Arthritis Research Canada, Vancouver BC).

The 2016 awards program was a great success; and we look forward to launching the 2017 awards program early Summer! Please refer to the following link for online posting:

<http://www.arthritisalliance.ca/en/2016-11-08-02-26-19>; and twitter hashtag #AACResearchAwards to share this information.

ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA 2017 ANNUAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

The 2017 Annual Meeting will take place at the Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown Hotel in

Save the date!

Annual Meeting
ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

Thursday, October 26-Friday, October 27, 2017

Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown
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QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS IN MODELS OF CARE Developing an Osteoarthritis (OA) Tool for Primary Care

The OA Tool is in its final stage of development. The [College of Family Physicians of Canada](#) (CFPC) presented an update of the Tool at the April 13th [Arthritis Alliance of Canada](#) (AAC) Members Meeting in Toronto, during which participants provided valuable feedback. [Centre for Effective Practice](#) (CEP) is taking this feedback - along with inputs being gathered from recent Clinical Working Group and usability sessions with primary care practitioners – and are on track to delivering the final Tool in early May 2017. Once the French translation is completed, the AAC will jointly release the Tool with CFPC and CEP. If you would like more information about this project, please contact Jaime Coish jcoish@arthritisalliance.ca.

MEMBER'S CORNER

THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

NATIONAL

Federal government preserves existing Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations

[The Arthritis Society](#) and [Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana](#) (CFAMM) welcome the Federal government's decision to preserve the existing Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR) within the new legislation for the legalization of cannabis in Canada announced in Parliament earlier this month.



This ensures that Canadians needing cannabis for medical purposes will be able to continue to obtain it, if they wish, through a separate, accessible, regulated system that is distinct from that for non-medical cannabis. However, other patient needs remain to be addressed in the negotiations with the provinces in the coming months. Read the [full statement here](#).

National Volunteer Week

April 23-29 was National Volunteer Week in Canada. In recognition of this, Janet Yale and the staff of The Arthritis Society extended [a heartfelt message of thanks](#) to the almost 10,000 volunteers across Canada who work tirelessly with The Arthritis Society to help deliver programs, events and outreach. Their tireless dedication changes the lives of people with arthritis every day. Words are not enough to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for the gift of their time, talents and passion. If you or someone you know is interested in joining their ranks to help make a real difference in your community, please visit arthritis.ca/volunteer.

British Columbia 2017 Provincial Election

With the coming provincial election in BC on May 9, The Arthritis Society, BC & Yukon Division, has created an election toolkit to make it easy for people in the community and all stakeholder groups to make their voices heard. Developed to be user friendly, the toolkit provides many options for people to reach out to the candidates in their riding with questions, comments and concerns over the need for more attention and services to be made available for the 650,000 in BC living with arthritis. To view the toolkit and see responses from the party leaders and other candidates, please visit www.arthritis.ca/bc

ARTHRITIS CONSUMER EXPERTS (ACE)

British Columbia 2017 Election

In preparation for the May 9 general election in British Columbia, ACE sent a questionnaire to all of the major Parties and all electoral candidates. ACE will post the Party and individual candidate's responses on the [BC Election 2017](#) page as they are received.

Reminder: Patient experiences of RA models of care survey closes April 30

Arthritis Consumer Experts has led the development of a Global RA Network of patient organizations and the launch of a patient survey on rheumatoid arthritis models of care in more than 24 countries. We encourage you to share a link to this survey with RA patients living in Canada and ensure their voice is heard: <http://bit.ly/GlobalRASurvey>. Please note the survey closes on **Sunday, April 30**.



ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CANADA



Congratulations to all the ARC prize winners in the recent AAC competition! *Sharan Rai* - Master's Student Award, *Nicole Tsao* - Doctoral Award, *Linda Li* - KT Research Award and *Sheila Kerr* for the Active Patient Engagement in Research Award. ARC is so proud to have you as our team! ARC/APAB members Sheila Kerr and Kelly English presented for the KT Connects Webinar Series for the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research on March 31, 2017. To view the webinar "**Patient experiences of engaging in health research: Partners in the Dance**"

click on <http://www.msfr.org/ktconnects#Dance>.

CANADIAN OBESITY NETWORK

Report Card on Access to Obesity Treatment for Adults in Canada 2017



In 2016, the 10th anniversary of the release of the *Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines* for obesity, Canadian Obesity Network sought to quantify and qualify access to publicly provided medical care for obesity, as well as interventions covered by private health plans. The **Report Card on Access to Obesity Treatment for Adults in Canada 2017** is the result of nearly a year of detailed research, and results were released on Tuesday, April 25th, 2017. Please refer to all information from the report card [here](#).

CANADIAN SPONDYLITIS ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Spondylitis Association will be holding patient forums across the country in 2017. During the period November 15 -18, there will be forums in Edmonton, Calgary and Saskatoon. Fall forums are also planned for Halifax and Toronto. B.C. and Quebec are also planning Fall events. Dates will be advised as soon as arrangements are finalized.



Community Updates

ADVANCED CLINICIAN PRACTITIONER IN ARTHRITIS CARE

2017-18 PROGRAM, Continuing Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

APPLY NOW!



ACPAC is a hybrid academic and clinical training program designed to prepare experienced physical therapists, occupational therapists, and nurses for extended practice roles in the diagnosis and management of patients with arthritis. The program promotes the development of innovative models of care and will help you to improve

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patient outcomes. Scholarships and research fellowships up to \$11,000 CAD are available for this year's program. For more information, contact Julia Ferrari, j.ferrari@utoronto.ca. To apply, visit our new website at www.acpacprogram.ca.

The application deadline is Friday May 19, 2017.

2017-18 Program Weeks

Week 1 - October 23-28, 2017 (Includes 13th Annual Arthritis Day, Saturday October 28, 2017)

Week 2 - December 11-15, 2017

Week 3 - February 5-9, 2018

Week 4 - April 9-13, 2018

Week 5 - June 4-8, 2018

Program Directors: Dr. Rachel Shupak (MD, FRCP(c)) and Dr. Katie Lundon (BSc (P.T.), MSc, PhD).

Location: Downtown Toronto

ATHLETIC EDGE SPORTS MEDICINE (AESM)

The Athletic Edge Sports Medicine (AESM) is a team of dedicated skilled practitioners, having a mission to provide successful, individualized attention and treatment to professional athletes and the athletically inclined for over 15 years. AESM is getting ready to be hosting *Good Living with Osteoarthritis Denmark (GLA:D)* classes for patients with hip and knee osteoarthritis. The Athletic Edge Sports Medicine clinic is located at 121 King Street, Suite 1100 (11th floor), Toronto, Ontario. For more information, please contact Agnes Makowski at: (416) 800-0800 or by email: agnesmakowski@rogers.com.



CANADIAN RHEUMATOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE DATA NETWORK (CANRAD)



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 successful CANRAD Network Meeting during 2017 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting & AHPA Annual Meeting in Ottawa, ON and we will be organizing another CANRAD Network Webinar this spring! For more information pertaining to our webinars or all other information concerning

the CANRAD Network, please contact Autumn Neville at autumn.neville@rimuhc.ca or visit our website <http://www.canradnetwork.ca>.

The Canadian Network for Advanced Interdisciplinary Methods for comparative effectiveness research (CAN-AIM) objective is to respond to key knowledge gaps regarding drug safety and effectiveness by answering queries which arise from Health Canada and other regulatory parties. Our team has collaborated with DSECT's webinar series; we encourage you to attend the very informative sessions. We held a successful CAN-AIM DSEN meeting in February with team members to review on-going projects and discuss new, emerging queries that may be of interest. Discussions led to exciting new ways in which our team can expand. For information on our queries, on our upcoming webinars or for more information on our team, please contact Autumn Neville at autumn.neville@rimuhc.ca or visit our website <http://canaim.ca/>.



Calendar of Events

Healthy Canada Conference 2017	April 26-27, 017	Toronto, Ontario
OARSI World Congress	April 27- 30, 2017	Las Vegas, Nevada
Annual Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine: 11 th World Congress	April 30-May 4, 2017	Buenos Aires, Argentina
PANLAR ACCAR 2017	May 3-5, 2017	San José, Costa Rica
Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America AGM	May 3-6, 2017	Barcelona, Spain
6 th Annual Global Spine Congress	May 3-6, 2017	Milan, Italy
Lupus Academy Annual Meeting	May 5-7, 2017	Portugal
Laurentian Conference of Rheumatology	May 11-13, 2017	Estérel, Québec
Immunology 2017, AAI Annual Meeting	May 12-16, 2017	Washington, DC
ARThritis Soirée 2017	May 18, 2017	Vancouver, British Columbia
Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium	May 18-20, 2017	Houston, Texas
18 th Annual Current Concepts in Joint Replacements	May 21-24, 2017	Las Vegas, Nevada
WAR 2017	May 26-28, 2017	Kelowna, British Columbia
ORA Annual Meeting 2017	May 26-28, 2017	Minett, Ontario
The Arthritis Society Walk to Fight Arthritis	June 4, 2017	Toronto, Ontario
EULAR Congress 2017 Annual European Congress of Rheumatology	June 14-17, 2017	Madrid, Spain
ACR/EULAR Exchange Program 2017	June 14-17, 2017	Madrid, Spain
Canadian Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting	June 15-18, 2017	Ottawa, Ontario
SOAR 2017	June 23-25, 2017	Fox Harb'r, Nova Scotia
5th World Congress on Controversies, Debates & Consensus in Bone, Muscle & Joint Diseases (BMJD)	August 31- September 3, 2017	Gold Coast, Australia
AMRQ Annual Conference 2017	October 19-21, 2017	Estérel Resort, Québec
Arthritis Research Canada – Reaching Out with Arthritis Research (ROAR)	October 21, 2017	Vancouver, British Columbia
Arthritis Alliance of Canada 2017 Annual Meeting	October 26-27, 2017	Vancouver, British Columbia
CRA Canada Night in San Diego	November 6, 2017	San Diego, California
ACR/ARHP Annual Meeting 2017	November 3 - 8, 2017	San Diego, California
Family Medicine Forum	November 8-11, 2017	Montreal, Quebec
2018 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting & AHPA Annual Meeting	February 21-24, 2018	Vancouver, British Columbia

ABOUT THE ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

With more than 30 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.

For more information about the Arthritis Alliance, please contact:
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