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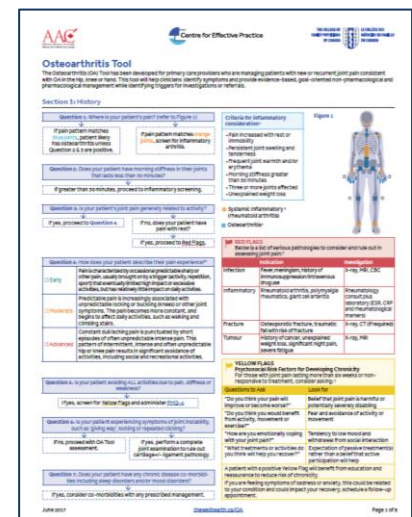
ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA AAC and CFPC Launches an Osteoarthritis (OA) Tool for Family Practice

On July 20th, The [Arthritis Alliance of Canada \(AAC\)](#) and [The College of Family Physicians of Canada \(CFPC\)](#) launched the [Osteoarthritis Tool](#), designed to provide primary health care providers with key professional knowledge and skills necessary to effectively diagnose and facilitate the management of patients living with osteoarthritis (OA). The AAC, CFPC and the [Centre for Effective Practice](#) (CEP) joined forces to develop the [Osteoarthritis Tool](#), to help family physicians and other healthcare providers understand that Osteoarthritis (OA) is a common, treatable, chronic illness by providing a tool that helps them:

- identify, assess, and monitor OA;
- equip patients for high quality self-management;
- recommend specific non-pharmacologic and pharmacologic therapies.

We encourage you to **raise your voice and join the movement** to support this important initiative by:

- posting it to your website;
- posting it to Twitter using the hashtag #OATool;
- posting it to Facebook;



- promoting this initiative among your professional networks, such as LinkedIn, using the hashtag #OATool;
- sharing your impressions of the tool and how it's helped in your practice in the [AAC newsletter](#)! Please contact Lina Gazizova lgazizova@arthritisalliance.ca.

A launch guide in English and French were provided for ease of sharing the Tool. If you would like more information about this project, please contact Jaime Coish jcoish@arthritisalliance.ca.

2017 Annual Meeting in Vancouver: Annual Meeting Program Outline: Change is Good: Implementing Arthritis Models of Care

Wednesday, October 25

- *The Arthritis Society Trainee Workshop-closed session (half-day)*

Thursday, October 26

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Arthritis Alliance of Canada Workshops

Thursday, October 26

- AAC Annual General Meeting/Business Meeting
- Public Health Agency of Canada: *National surveillance of arthritis in Canada Survey Results*
- Arthritis Consumer-Patient Organizations and Groups Coalition Workshop
- AAC Research Workshop/Session: *Economic Analysis of Inflammatory Arthritis Models of Care*
- **Reception:**
 - Poster Viewing Session
 - Remarks/AAC 2017 Research Awards
 - The Qualman-Davies Arthritis Consumer Community Award
 - The Arthritis Society Trainee Awards

Advocacy perspective is integrated in all workshops program

Friday, October 27

- AAC Inflammatory Arthritis Models of Care Workshop: *Implementing Inflammatory Arthritis Models of Care: What Does It Mean? How Does Success Look Like? Strategic Plan Moving Forward.*
- AAC Osteoarthritis Models of Care Workshop: *Models of Care in Action: Implementing the OA Tool in Family Practice*
- AAC Inflammatory Arthritis Models of Care Interactive Session for Early Career Rheumatologists: *Setting up an Inflammatory Arthritis Model of Care in Practice*



We look forward to your participation and engagement in Vancouver!

Arthritis Alliance of Canada Research Awards Program

The Arthritis Alliance of Canada (AAC) Research Awards program received incredible support from its Members and community. A total of twenty nine (29) applications were received as a result of the second round of the program. The “Call for Applications” for 2017 research awards was closed on July 17th, 2017. The AAC will commence review of received applications over the coming weeks. The winners will be announced at the AAC Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 26th, 2017. The **seven** award categories and sponsors are:

Name of the Research Award	Sponsor of the Award
1. Master Student	McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health
2. PhD Student	Arthritis Consumer Experts
3. Post-doctoral Fellow	CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis
4. Early Career Researcher/Early Career Faculty Member (graduate within the first five years of faculty appointment)	CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis
5. Knowledge Translation Research (all career levels)	Bone and Joint Institute of the University of Western Ontario
6. Knowledge Translation Practice (all career levels)	Amgen Canada
7. Patient for active engagement in arthritis research	The Arthritis Society

Thank you again to all of you for your great support in making this AAC program a successful endeavour!

MEMBER'S CORNER

ALBERTA BONE AND JOINT HEALTH INSTITUTE

Dr. Deborah Marshall Recognized for Outstanding Contributions to Health Research



Dr. Deborah Marshall received the O'Brien Institute's 2017 Research Excellence Award for her far-reaching and award-winning work on methods to improve patient outcomes and health system performance through innovative health service delivery models.

Precision medicine, patient preferences and cost-effectiveness in health care, and simulation modeling, which can simulate the impact of contemplated changes in complex health systems, are areas of special focus in her research. Please read the full news release at: <https://albertaboneandjoint.com/deborah-marshall-obrien-institute-health-research-award/>.

ARTHRITIS CONSUMER EXPERTS

Qualman-Davies Arthritis Consumer Community Leadership Award

The [Qualman-Davies Arthritis Consumer Community Leadership award](#) was created in 2014 to recognize the pioneering arthritis advocacy efforts of Ann Qualman and Jim Davies who were two of the first people striving to bring awareness to arthritis across Canada.

The award is given to anyone with arthritis who displays, or has displayed, selfless actions through volunteer work in their community. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the [nomination form](#) for them to be considered. **The application deadline is August 31, 2017.** Please submit completed nominations to feedback@jointhehealth.org. The winning nominee and their nominator will be invited to attend the Arthritis Alliance of Canada's 2017 Annual Meeting Reception taking place on Thursday, October 26th in Vancouver, British Columbia.



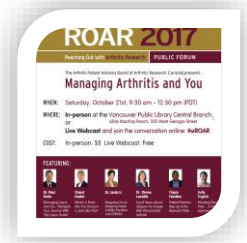
ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CANADA

5th Annual ARThritis Soirée, a record breaking evening for Arthritis Research Canada!

Bringing together those who share a passion for art and a desire to support arthritis research resulted in an impressive display of support for the benefit and advancement of leading edge arthritis research. Thanks to the collective and generous efforts of many sponsors, guests, donors, and a stellar volunteer team, the evening was a resounding success! Highlighting this year's music theme was the performance by world-renowned violinist Jenny Bae who took the stage along with members of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, in what was her first-ever Canadian performance. Jenny spoke to guests about her own family's experience with arthritis.

2017 Annual European Congress of Rheumatology in Madrid, Spain

Three ARC research trainees were selected to present poster presentations at the 2017 Annual European Congress of Rheumatology in Madrid, Spain. Sharan Rai on her work in gout, including a qualitative study on barriers to gout care (a prospective cohort study investigating the relation between the DASH diet and the incident gout risk). Mira Donaldson on evaluating the accuracy of a measure that assesses decreased productivity at work in individuals with inflammatory arthritis and Gloria Li on gout associated inflammation before and after a gout diagnosis, and how it may be a contributing factor for venous thromboembolism (VTE). ARC thanks Eli Lilly for their Scholarship program to enable this incredible learning opportunity.



**Reaching Out with Arthritis Research (ROAR) 2017 Public Forum:
Managing Arthritis and You**

When: Saturday, October 21st, 9:30-12:30 pm (PDT)

Where: Live Webcast or In-person at the Vancouver Public Library Central Branch,
Alice MacKay Room, 350 West Georgia St. V6B 6B1

THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY: PRAIRIE DIVISION

37th Annual Metro Ogrzyzlo Memorial Dinner and Lecture

On June 19th and 20th The Arthritis Society, Prairie Division – Manitoba/Nunavut, proudly co-hosted the [37th Annual Metro Ogrzyzlo Memorial Dinner](#) & Lecture with the Health Sciences Centre's Section of Rheumatology. At the June 19th dinner, Metro Ogrzyzlo Memorial Lecturer Dr. Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc., Professor & Dean, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; CEO Robert Wood Johnson Medical Group, gave a plain-language synopsis of her research. On June 20th, Dr. Gabriel presented "Epidemiology Work in Rheumatic Disease and Cardiovascular Studies", at Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, University of Manitoba Bannatyne campus. Thanks to all attendees and supporters!



Community Updates



CANADIAN RHEUMATOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE DATA 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 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 fall! 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/>.

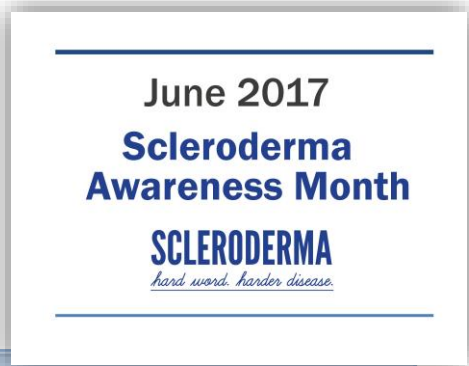
The Canadian Network for Advanced Interdisciplinary Methods for comparative effectiveness research (CAN-AIM) objective is to respond to key knowledge gaps regarding drug safety and effectiveness by answering queries which arise from Health Canada and other regulatory parties. Our team has collaborated with DSECT's webinar series; we encourage you to participate in 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/>.



June is Scleroderma Awareness Month!

June was Scleroderma Awareness Month! With 14 walks across Canada and over 2,000 participants, communities across the country showed their support for those battling with the rare disease. Coming up in September is the Scleroderma Patient Education Forum in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Hosted by Scleroderma Canada and the Scleroderma Society of Nova Scotia, the 2017 Patient Education Forum takes place on Saturday, September 16th at the Four Points by Sheraton in Halifax from 10am – 5pm EST. A \$35 registration fee includes a forum resource kit with sample of products and information, as well as lunch and refreshment breaks.



Calendar of Events

Rheumatology Update 2017	September 15, 2017	Toronto, Ontario
BRIESE: British Columbia Rheumatology Invitational Education Series	September 29-30, 2017	Vancouver, British Columbia
19th Asia Pacific League of Association for Rheumatology Congress	October 16-20, 2017	Dubai, UAE
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
ACR/ARHP Annual Meeting 2017	November 3 - 8, 2017	San Diego, California
Canadian Rheumatology Association’s Canada Night in San Diego	November 6, 2017	San Diego, California
Family Medicine Forum	November 8-11, 2017	Montreal, Quebec
Clinical Day in Rheumatology ‘The Pearls You Need To Know’	November 17, 2017	Hamilton, Ontario
LACA 2017, 6th Latin American Congress on Autoimmunity	November 26-29, 2017	Cancun, Mexico
10th International Symposium on Nutritional Aspects of Osteoporosis	November 28-December 1, 2017	Kowloon, Hong Kong
38th SICOT Orthopaedic World Congress	November 30-December 2, 2017	Cape Town, South Africa
2017 CRA National Rheumatology Residents Weekend	December 1-3, 2017	Toronto, Ontario
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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