

## 2022 CIORA Grant Award Recipients Announced

Nearly \$500,000 in grants to benefit research projects related to rheumatic diseases.





Tecumseh, July 28, 2022 - The Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA) is pleased to announce that its granting division, the Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology cAre (CIORA), will be funding 4 two-year grants and 1 one-year grant for a total of \$485,626 CDN to projects that will enhance access and innovation for rheumatology care. Additionally, the CRA will set aside \$60,000 to fund the CRA (CIORA) Arthritis Society Clinician Investigator Award in 2023 (more details to follow).




Over the last 15 years, CIORA has funded 114 projects and provided almost \$8.5M CDN in research funding since 2006.

CIORA's grant program supports sustainable projects related to:

- Academic clinical research initiatives related to all rheumatic diseases
- Clinical research initiatives for community rheumatologists related to all rheumatic diseases

## Congratulations to the 2022 CIORA GRANT AWARD Recipients!

Principal Investigator(s)	Title	Award
 <p><b>Vinet, E.</b></p>	Personalized therapy in lupus pregnancies.	<b>\$114,000</b>
 <p><b>Boire, G.</b></p>	Assessing the timeliness of referrals in rheumatology for chronic inflammatory arthritis from a centralized referral system.	<b>\$111,074</b>
 <p><b>Beausejour, M.</b></p>		
 <p><b>Feldman, D.</b></p>		

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 <b>Abikhzer, G.</b>	Digital FDG PET/CT versus temporal artery biopsy and ultrasound for first-line diagnostic imaging of giant cell arteritis.	<b>\$109,326</b>
 <b>Barber, C.</b>	Development and pilot of a shared-care model for rheumatoid arthritis leveraging an “on-demand” follow-up strategy.	<b>\$109,796</b>
 <b>Gottheil, S.</b>	Reducing urgent care wait times in community rheumatology: A quality improvement project.	<b>\$41,430</b>

A listing of all current and previous recipients is available at [rheum.ca/ciora](http://rheum.ca/ciora).

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**Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology cAre (CIORA)** is a unique granting division of the CRA committed to being a catalyst for improving the care of Canadians living with all rheumatic diseases. Visit [rheum.ca/CIORA](http://rheum.ca/CIORA) to learn more.

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