



2021-2022 Annual Report

Towards Equity: Rheum for Everyone



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CRA'S MISSION

Represent Canadian rheumatologists and promote the pursuit of excellence in arthritis and rheumatic disease care, education and research.

A message from the President and CEO



Nigil Haroon MD, PhD, DM, FRCPC, MBA

President

I am honoured to introduce the Canadian Rheumatology Association's 2021-2022 Annual Report. The CRA continues to make an extremely significant impact on our community through its commitment to creating strong educational programs and opportunities for valuable research in the field of rheumatology.

I would like to thank our dedicated member volunteers, Board of Directors, committees, sponsors, partners and staff who give of their time and talent in support of the CRA's endeavours.

Ahmad Zbib, MD, CPHIMS-CA **Chief Executive Officer** Our rheumatology community has proven once again that, together, we are capable of amazing things. Not only have we supported one another through the professional and personal challenges associated with a 2-year global pandemic, but we have thrived as a community by evolving how we operate, communicate and advocate.

Last year tested our ability to plan for a hybrid conference complete with extensive COVID-19 safety protocols, and then pivot in a matter of weeks to deliver a fully virtual and successful 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting. Throughout the year we continued to expand our educational offerings and communications to ensure that our members and stakeholders are supported with the expert guidance and training they need. We look forward to working together as we continue evolving our association positioning the CRA as an essential national voice of rheumatology in Canada.

together.

I am very grateful for all those who made last year a success including our volunteers, staff, contractors and supporters. I hope you enjoy reading this report, and that it instills in you a sense of pride for all that we have achieved,

2022 Leadership and Committees

Executive leadership

President Dr. Nigil Haroon

Vice-President Dr. Trudy Taylor

Past-President Dr. Evelyn Sutton

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Dr. Evelyn Sutton

Dr. Trudy Taylor

Dr. Stephanie Tom

Dr. John Wade

Operational Committees

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Chair, Abstract Review Dr. Marinka Twilt

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Chair, Education Dr. Raheem Kherani

> Chair, CPD (Continuing Professional Development) Dr. Gregory Choy

Chair, NWRITE (National Written Rheumatology In-Training Examination) Dr. Raheem Kherani

Chairs, Postgraduate Drs. Marie Clements-Baker and Dharini Mahendira

Chair, Undergraduate Vacant

Chair, Guidelines Dr. Glen Hazlewood

Chair, Human Resources Dr. Dana Jerome

Chair, Pediatrics

Dr. Roberta Berard

Chair, Choosing Wisely Dr. Nadia Luca

Chair, Community Pediatrics Dr. Tommy Gerschman

Co-Chairs, Education Drs. Mercedes Chan and Evelyn Rozenblyum

Chair, Human Resources Dr. Jennifer Lee

Chair, Quality Care Dr. Amanda Steiman

> Chair, Access Dr. Amanda Steiman Chair, Resource Stewardship Dr. Shirley Lake Chair, Equity Dr. Cheryl Barnabe Chairs, Transition Care Drs. Michelle Batthish and Stephanie Garner Chair, Quality Dr. Claire Barber

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Dr. Marie Hudson

Chair, Stakeholder Engagement

Dr. Carter Thorne

Chairs, Therapeutics Drs. Rosie Scuccimarri and Alison Kydd

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Chairs, Review Course Drs. Shahin Jamal and Trudy Taylor

Liaisons

CRAJ Editor-in Chief Dr. Philip Baer

President, Journal of Rheumatology Dr. Cory Baillie

Liaison, The Arthritis Society Dr. Evelyn Sutton

President, Arthritis Health Professions Association (AHPA)

Mr. Paul Adam

CRA's 76th year! A Commemorative Painting

Introduced at the 2022 ASM and will be donated to the CRA Foundation.



Artists Name: Natasha Gibski Varnished acrylic painting on canvas (14"x28")

Statement from the Artist:

This painting is meant to both tell a story, and serve as a visual timeline of the Canadian Rheumatology Association. The stylization of the images and clean design was chosen to represent the professionalism and clinical nature of the subject. It begins with the bottom left-hand corner – a sufferer of arthritis. Pain radiates from the hands, depicted in red, and is suppressed by a ring of gold – symbolizing older types of arthritic treatment.

The red continues, leading to the figures representing the CRA, all adorning the CRA logo and medical gear. The figures are placed above the hands to symbolize them watching over their patients. They face in the direction of progress and advancement – which is shown through the development of different treatments (biologics), and further discoveries (such as immunoglobulins).

The ribbon changes colour, both matching and symbolizing the CRA's logo, as well as representing better care for patients. Blue latex gloves are seen holding arthritic hands, representing the caring doctors and rheumatologists better treating the suffers ailments. The ribbon swirls around the hands, and divides into the CRA's colours. The colours form a halo surrounding a dove with a golden eye. Gold is used to represent success and hope, in the eye of another symbol of hope, the dove. This also serves as a visual metaphor for outstretched hands – free from the pain of arthritis. The tip of the dove's wing can be seen blending into the figures, representing that the future is just as important as the past. Lastly, the dove faces in the direction of the initial sufferer, directing their help to the next patient – thus completing the cycle at the beginning of the story.

Strategic Priorities

The CRA exists so that Canadian rheumatologists achieve excellence in clinical care, education and research.



Position

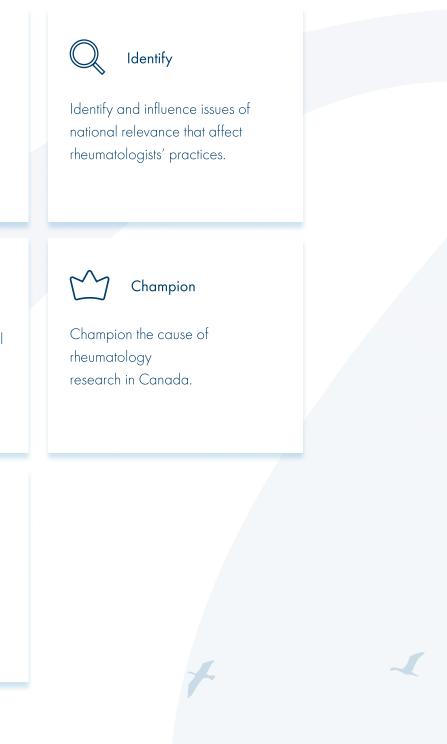
Position the CRA as the leading national provider of rheumatology resources and continuing professional education.



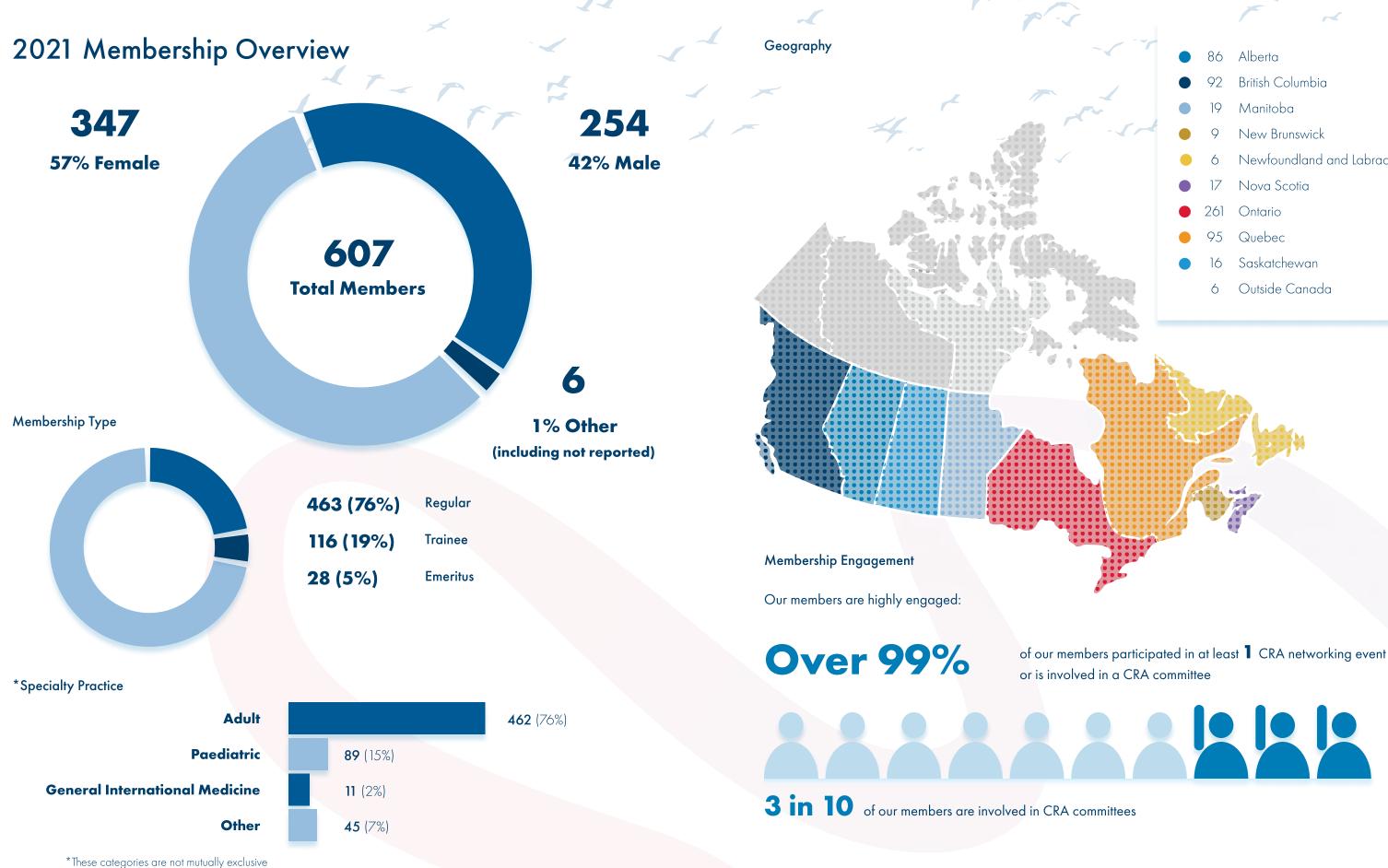
Build and nurture a vibrant national rheumatology community.

Sustain

Ensure continuing financial and operational sustainability of the CRA in a changing environment.



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Newfoundland and Labrador

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) **Task Force**

The CRA's EDI Task Force is responsible for working with the Board of Directors, CEO, Operational Committee Chairs and staff to ensure the organization delivers an inclusive experience for all current and future members.

Chaired by Dr. Nicole Johnson, the EDI Task Force is currently reviewing organizational procedures, with the goal of making recommendations to help the CRA be as inclusive and equitable as possible.

Guiding Principles of Equity, **Diversity and Inclusion**

The CRA uses the following definition of EDI to govern all our activities with members, staff and stakeholders.

June 5, 2020 CRA issues statement on anti-black racism

July 3, 2020 Call for Diversity & Inclusion Task Force members and chair

August 6, 2020 Task force commences first meeting and appoints Dr. Nicole Johnson as Chair

September 2020 present Monthly meetings and strategizing

Equity: The CRA is an organization that respects and values the differences of our members by actively identifying and removing barriers to ensure all members and staff have a fair and equitable access to the resources and growth opportunities within the organization.

CRA Summer Studentship Program

The Summer Studentship Program is an excellent way for medical students to gain exposure to the sub-specialty of rheumatology, the CRA offers both clinical and research summer studentships.

> 514 **ŤŤ** Student participants (2001 - 2021)

16%

sub-specialty

of participants historically chose rheumatology as a

Clinical and research based summer students (2021)



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to operate on the principle of inclusion. The CRA is an within our organization.

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Diversity: Within the CRA, diversity refers to differences and variety within demographics, identity and composition of its members and stakeholders. The CRA embraces diversity in terms of race, ethnicity, place of origin, religious beliefs, language, abilities, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, sexual orientation, age, family status and profession.

Inclusion: Throughout the organization, the CRA has a commitment organization that aims to cultivate meaningful engagement and representation of historically excluded individuals and groups

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2022 Award Winners

CRA Awards of Distinction

Dr. John G. Hanly	Distinguished Rheumatologist Award	Maher Banjari
Dr. Lori B. Tucker	Distinguished Rheumatologist Award	Molly Dushnicky
Dr. Jessica Widdifield	Emerging Investigator Award	
Dr. Stephen Aaron	Distinguished Teacher-Educator Award	Wen Qi
RA Master Awards		Omar Cruz Correa
.KA Masier Awards		Holly Philpott
Dr. David Cabral		Michael Zeeman
Dr. Rayfel Schneider		Samir Magdy Iskander
Dr. Rachel Shupak		Daniel Onwuka
ractice Reflection Award		Jennifer Lee
Dr. Bailey Dyck	Practice Reflection Award – Gold	Nancy Maltez
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		Vanessa Ocampo
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Abstract Award Winners

Ian Watson Award for the Best Abstract on SLE Research by a Trainee

Phil Rosen Award for the Best Abstract on Clinical or Epidemiology Research by a Trainee

Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Resident

Best Abstract on Basic Science Research by a Trainee

Best Abstract by a Post-Graduate Research Trainee

Best Abstract on Quality Care Initiatives in Rheumatology

Best Abstract by a Medical Student

Best Abstract by an Undergraduate Student

Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Post-Graduate Research Trainee

Best Abstract on Research by Young Faculty

Best Abstract on Pediatric Research by Young Faculty

Best Abstract on Spondyloarthritis Research

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CIORA Grant Award Winners

In 2021 CIORA funded 5 two-year grants and 1 one-year grant for a total of \$631,151.

Pillar Awareness/Advocacy/Education Principal Investigator Barnabe, C. Award \$99,796	Title Supporting Equitable Outcomes in Diverse Populations with Rheumatoid Arthritis Through Appropriate Guideline Implementation, Practice and Policy Approaches.	 Pillar Early Access for Rheumatic Disease Patients Principal Investigator Widdifield, J. Award \$115,000 	Title The Imp Service:
Pillar Awareness/Advocacy/Education Principal Investigator Toupin April, K., Stringer, E.	Title Going beyond pain: Expansion of the JIA Option Map to support young people and their families to manage juvenile idiopathic arthritis in their daily lives.	Pillar Health Economics/ Sustainability of Health Care/Quality Improvement	Title Biosimile the Orig
Award \$119,865		Principal Investigators Mendel, A., Barra, L., Pagnoux, C. Award \$119,792	
Pillar	Title		~
Community Rheumatology Principal Investigator Teo, M. Award	A Community-based Adaptation of the Small Changes Behavioural Weight Loss Treatment Approach for Psoriatic Arthritis Patients with Comorbid Obesity.	Pillar Multi-Disciplinary Care Teams Principal Investigator Da Costa, D.	Title Adaptin Intervent Arthritis.
\$57,795		Award \$118,903	
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oting and Evaluating an Evidence-Based Online Behavioural ention to Manage Insomnia in Patients with Rheumatoid

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Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) Program Committee



Meeting at a Glance

Committee Chair Dr. Vinod Chandran

Coordinator Claire McGowan

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Determine and plan all scientific elements of the CRA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) to ensure unparalleled education and networking opportunities are presented to all attendees.

Achievements 2021

2022 ASM Theme

Towards Equity: Rheum for Everyone

- Successfully pivoted planned hybrid conference to a content-rich, interactive virtual event.
- 2022 ASM program featured: 4 keynote lectures, 26 workshops, 137 poster presentations, 12 poster tours (highlighting 48 posters), 14 podium presentations, RheumJeopardy, Great Debate, Year in Review, Controversies in Rheumatology, Clinical Pearls & Mysterious Cases, 3 industry symposia, recognition of CRA award winners, topic specific networking lounges, and mentor and peer observation programs.
- Satellite programs included the CRA Residents' Pre-Course, CRA Review Course, and the Canadian Arthritis Research Conference.

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Priorities 2022

• Develop a comprehensive breadth of content for the upcoming Annual Scientific Meeting to ensure that members' Continuing Professional Development (CPD) needs are met and that networking opportunities are fostered within the membership and greater rheumatology community.

• Deliver an exceptional hybrid conference experience to in-person and virtual delegates.

• Continue to crowd-source content through a member needs assessments and Request for Proposal (RFP) program for 2023 workshops.



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Save the date 2023 ASM February 8 - 11

Québec City Convention Centre, Québec City, Québec



G 4 Keynote Lectures

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Industry

Symposia

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Workshops

Podium Presentations

137 Poster Presentations

Poster Tours

Highlighting 48 Posters

Satisfaction Scores:

90%

95%

Satisfied with Conference

Top Reasons for Attending:

Would Recommend Conference to a Colleague

73% Will be Changing

Practice Due to Conference

 \bigcirc 83% Professional

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Rheumatology **Research Updates**

41% 6=

Poster Sessions

Development



Notable Sessions



RheumJeopardy



Controversies in Rheumatology



Clinical Pearls & Mysterious Cases



Mentorship and Peer Observation Programs





Networking Lounges

Comments

"Excellent quality and diversity of content"

"THE meeting for rheumatology professionals in Canada"

"Great clinical update, highly relevant to the practicing rheumatologist"

"Very high quality of speakers; good review of topics and presentation of new/recent research"

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Overview	Satisfaction Scores		
157 7 Registrants Presentations	Satisfied with Program	97% Would Recommend Program to a Colleague	i 82% Will be Changing Practice Due to Program
Feedback			
"Excellent state of art reviews on	key clinical topics"	"Thoughtful review of	relevant topics"
"Always excellent & hi	gh yield!″	"Program provides compre update	
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Overview

95 Registrants

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Satisfaction Scores

6 89% Satisfied with program

93% Would Recommend Program to a Colleague

Feedback

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"Relevant, informative talks directed at trainees"

"Excellent summary of current rheum topics"

"Great overview of high yield topics"

"Valuable review"

Operational Committees

Canadian Arthritis Research Conference

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Top reasons for attending



Professional Development



Networking Opportunities





Satisfaction Scores

č 83 Satisfied with Program 2021

Education Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Raheem Kherani **Coordinator** Claire McGowan

🕅 Mandate

Provide member education through a variety of CRA programs and initiatives designed for members and rheumatology trainees as well as facilitate rheumatology education for medical undergraduates, postgraduates and paediatric/internal medicine trainees.

Achievements 2021

- Launched COVID-19 Response Webinar Series #2.
- Developed, disseminated and reviewed annual National Written Rheumatology In Training Examinations (NWRITE) for adult rheumatology trainees.
- Continued collaboration with the ASM, Residents' Pre-Course, Review Course, LEAP and NRRW Program Committees to facilitate program planning.
- Collaboration with Quality Care Committee on Indigenous Health Initiative delivery and podcast recordings.

Priorities 2022

- Dissemination of National Undergraduate Rheumatology Cirricula (project continuation from 2021).
- Extend educational resources for Program Directors and Rheumatology Residents (including development of a national immunology curriculum).
- Promote accreditation best practices to CRA Operational Committees/members and provide accreditation of Section 1 and Section 3 activities.
- Develop, produce and analyze annual National Written Rheumatology In Training Examinations (NWRITE) for adult rheumatology trainees.

Programs

- Re-engineered CRA National Rheumatology Residents' Weekend Program to deliver virtual programs over multiple touchpoints throughout the year (including a national virtual OSCE for over 70 rheumatology residents in adult/pediatric and French/English streams).
- CRA LEAdership Program (LEAP) meetings hosted quarterly in a virtual format.

e^{FT} Recognition

• CRA received an Award of Excellence from the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE) for the work and planning behind the COVID-19 Response Series.

Operational Committees

Communications Committee

Coordinator

Vacant

Committee Chair Dr. Dax G. Rumsey **Past Coordinator** Kevin Baijnauth

ନ୍ଥ Mandate

Facilitate optimal and fluid communications among the CRA, members and stakeholders.

Achievements 2021

Podcast:

Nine new Around the Rheum episodes released across 2021 with over 5,550 streams (including our first French episode).

- Episode 17 Indigenous Health Part 2
- Episode 16 Ask the Expert with Dr Janet Pope: Lupus
- Episode 15 Comorbidities in rheumatoid arthritis: A growing concern among rheumatologists
- Episode 14 Ask the Expert with Dr Janet Pope: Early Arthritis
- Episode 13 Indigenous Health
- Episode 12 Ask the Expert with Dr Janet Pope: Raynaud's
- Episode 11 Ask the Expert with Dr Janet Pope: Methotrexate
- Episode 10 Cassie & Friends: The Patient Experience During the Pandemic
- Episode 9 Head of the Rheum A Chat with the CEO about the CRA's role in the COVID-19 response

Priorities 2022

Begin production on season 3 of Around the Rheum podcast and release monthly episodes.

- Expand on previous topics and format to expand audience.
- Social media group continues to source and contribute articles for social media.
- Communications Committee to continue to review investigator led surveys and content on demand.
- Relaunch Who's in the Rheum articles to increase membership engagement.

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Guidelines Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Glen Hazlewood

Coordinator Sue Ranta

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Prioritize, fund and support the development of evidencebased guidelines for various rheumatic diseases, and disseminate them to the membership and medical community at large.

Achievements 2021

Completed work on several CRA guidelines including:

- Recommendation on COVID-19 Vaccination in Persons with Autoimmune Rheumatic Disease (published February 2021; updated in May and November). Decision Tool for COVID-19 vaccination also published and updated in June.
- CRA Recommendation on Three Doses of mRNA Vaccine for Preventing COVID-19.
- CRA Living Guidelines for the Pharmacological Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis with Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs (approved by CRA board and pending publication).

Priorities 2022

Publication of the following guidelines and related decision tools:

- Canadian Recommendations for the Screening, Monitoring, and Treatment of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis-Associated Uveitis.
- Clinical Guidelines on Transition from Youth to Adult Care
- CRA/SPARCC Recommendations for the Management of Axial Spondyloarthritis.
- Continual updates to the Recommendation on COVID-19 Vaccination and Decision Tool, as required.

Human Resources Committee

2022 Committee Chair Dr. Dana Jerome

2021 Past Chairs Drs. Jessica Widdifield and Claire Barber

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Ensure that the CRA workforce issues are identified nationally, provincially and regionally, and that appropriate strategies are identified/developed to strengthen workforce capacity across Canada.

Achievements 2021

 CRA's Workforce and Wellness Study was successfully completed and published end of 2021.



Coordinator Madalyn Membreno

Priorities 2022

- Explore interprofessional collaboration opportunities as well as develop synergies with other CRA committees & related rheumatology & medical organizations.
- Collaborate with ongoing programs addressing workforce needs.
- Support CRA members in advocating for HR resources in their regions.
- Work with other CRA committees to consider a role CRA may play in addressing results of physician wellness (from last workforce survey).
- Explore Rheumatology HR needs with an equity lens (access to care in underserved populations including geographically underserved (ex. Northern communities) and other underserved populations.

Pediatrics Committee

2022 Committee Chair Dr. Roberta Berard 2021 Past ChairCoordinatorDr. Ron LaxerSue Ranta



Promote education and awareness of childhood rheumatic diseases and serve to strengthen the voice of pediatric rheumatology across Canada through advocacy, education, and human resources.

Achievements 2021

- Published Choosing Wisely Pediatric Rheumatology recommendations.
- Hosted CANaC Rounds (Canadian Autoinflammatory Case Rounds) on topics including Familial Mediterranean Fever, and PFAPA (Periodic Fever, Aphthous Stomatitis, Pharyngitis, Adenitis).
- Introduced National Grand Rounds education sessions, accredited and available to all CRA members. Topics included JAK inhibitors and Juvenile Myositis.
- Disseminated 2021 Human Resources Survey.

Priorities 2022

- Continuation of CANaC Rounds with invitations extended to interested adult CRA members. Session topics include CAPS (Cryopyrin-Associated Autoinflammatory Syndromes), Interferonopathies, TRAPS (Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor Associated Periodic Syndrome) and others.
- Continuation of National Grand Rounds (virtual) sessions with topics including Lupus Nephritis and more.
- Publication of the Canadian Rheumatology Association Recommendations for the Screening, Monitoring, and Treatment of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis-Associated Uveitis.
- Collaboration with Quality Care Committee on the finalizing and publication of Clinical Guidelines on Transition from Youth to Adult Care.

Quality Care Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Amanda Steiman **Coordinator** Sue Ranta

ନ୍ନ Mandate

Support member activities in the domains of Equity, Access, Quality Patient Management, Resource Stewardship, and Transitioning Care, and work with key stakeholders to achieve optimal patient care.

Achievements 2021

- Surveyed members and patients on equity concerns in accessing COVID-19 vaccine, and published results in CRAJ article.
- Published CRA Position Statement on Virtual Care.
- Published CRA Consensus Statement on Best Practices for Virtual Care in Rheumatology, and related infographic.
- Published a Choosing Wisely recommendation on palliative symptom management and advance care planning.
- Offered the Indigenous Health Initiative 2-part workshops virtually in spring and fall.
- Established 'Transition Care' as a subcommittee of the Quality Care Committee and developed a position paper on transitioning rheumatology care from pediatric to adult.



Priorities 2022

- Publication of CRA Position Paper entitled Bridging the Gaps: Optimizing the Transition from Pediatric to Adult Rheumatology Care.
- Embed educational modules on transition of care into CRA educational programming where appropriate.
- Publication of two new Choosing Wisely recommendations.
- Collaborate with Guidelines and Education Committees to establish Shared Decision-Making Interest Group, to facilitate the development of patient decision aids.
- Indigenous Health Initiative Workshops to be offered in alternative format.



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Research Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Janet Pope

Coordinator Virginia Hopkins

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To work with the CEO to champion the cause of Rheumatology Research in Canada:

- The committee will be responsible for soliciting sponsorship funding for the CIORA grant program and formulating new funding strategies and establishing grant competition criteria.
- The committee will establish what can be done beyond CIORA.
- The committee will address all research agenda items for the CRA.

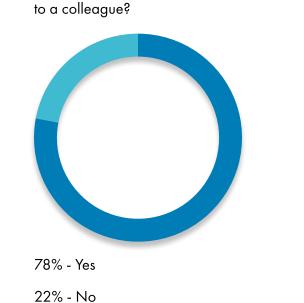
Achievements 2021

- Launched 14th CIORA Grant Competition and funded 5 two-year grants and 1 one-year grant for a total of \$631,151.
- Introduced new community rheumatology category and committed to funding one grant per competition.
- Submitted articles to CRAJ fall, winter, spring and summer issues highlighting past projects.
- Presented What Can SR&ED Credits Do for You and Your Practice workshop at the CRA & AHPA Annual Scientific Meeting and submitted How to Get More Buck for Your Bang! The Ins and Outs of SR&ED Credits article in CRAJ.
- Exceeded our sponsorship funding goal and received \$575,000 in support.
- Participated on the Canadian Arthritis Research Conference planning committee.
- Conducted a CRAJ Joint Count survey to poll members about CIORA pillars.

Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology cAre (CIORA)

Dissemination of results:





Priorities 2022

rheumatology grant.

national strategy.

need guidelines.

• Solicit funding for CIORA grants.

• Fund 5 CIORA grants, including one community

• Work with IMHA and Arthritis Society to develop a

• Work with Guidelines Committee to determine areas that

Would you recommend CIORA

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23 **Grants submitted** (19 in 2020)



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Letters of intent (27 in 2020)



Applications funded (5 in 2020)

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Stakeholder Engagement Committee



Committee Chair Dr. Carter Thorne

Coordinator Sue Ranta

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Stakeholder Engagement committee works to build third-party networks that can develop credible, united voices about issues, products, and/or services that are important to the CRA.

Priorities 2022

• Continue to monitor and share potential impact of drug shortages, mitigation strategies and alternative products for the benefit of CRA members and their patients.

- Networked with industry and Health Canada to identify the latest information on supply concerns for drugs that are being increasingly used for COVID-19 patients.
- In collaboration with the CRA Therapeutics Committee, provided guidance to CRA members on several rheumatology drugs including Colchicine and Actemra.
- Member of Health Canada's Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee on Drug Shortages (MSSC) and the ad hoc Tier Assignment Committee (TAC).
- Member of Health Canada's Biosimilars Handbook Working Group.

Therapeutics Committee

Committee Co-Chairs Drs. Rosie Scuccimarri and Alison Kydd

Coordinator Sue Ranta

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Identify and address all therapeutic issues that are relevant to the CRA membership as well as develop position statements and respond to drug shortages/withdrawals as required.

Achievements 2021

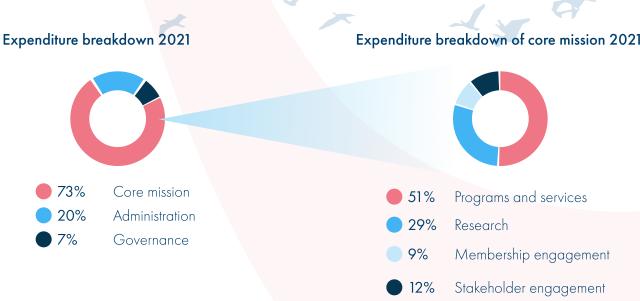
- Continued focus on providing up-to-date guidance on COVID-19-related matters, including:
 - Published four updates to the CRA Position Statement on COVID-19 Vaccination since original publication on December 31, 2020, to reflect changing evidence and Health Canada approvals.
 - Advocated for prioritization of COVID-19 vaccine and expedited second dose for patients with rheumatic disease.
 - Collaborated with Guidelines Committee on the CRA Recommendations pertaining to COVID-19 Vaccination and associated Decision Tool.
- Published Position Statement on the Safety of Hydroxychloroquine in the Treatment of Rheumatic Diseases.
- Surveyed and provided regular updates to members on the status of Actemra shortage.



Priorities 2022

- Continue responding to drug shortages, withdrawals, or new issues as required.
- Publish updates to the following CRA position statements:
 - COVID-19 Vaccination
 - Citrate-Free Humira
 - Biosimilars
- Publication of Position Statement on Stem Cell Therapy for OA.
- Develop provincial framework to aid with communication / dissemination re: drug access issues.

Expenditure Summary



Publications

The Journal of the Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRAJ)

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