

Reconnect Renew Reimagine

Annual Report 2022-2023



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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

It is my pleasure to introduce the Canadian Rheumatology Association's 2022-2023 Annual Report. It's an honour to serve you as President of this association, and I'm so proud of the work we've done and continue to do in support of our rheumatology community.

In this report, you will find exceptional accomplishments, great contributions from our member volunteers on committees, overviews of our programs and educational offerings, and so much more. I would like to thank our dedicated member volunteers, Board of Directors, committees, sponsors, partners, and staff for your valued contributions, allowing the CRA to best represent Canadian rheumatologists and promote the pursuit of excellence in arthritis and rheumatic disease care, education and research.



Ahmad Zbib, MD, CPHIMS-CA

Chief Executive Officer

I am proud to report that the Canadian rheumatology community has once again proven its resilience, brilliance and strength. We have adapted to evolving circumstances and continued to enhance our communication, education, and advocacy efforts.

2022 marked the establishment of the Canadian Rheumatology Association Foundation as a registered charity, a milestone that we had been working on for years. This year also saw the successful planning and execution of our first-ever hybrid Annual Scientific Meeting, which was made possible thanks to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, staff, contractors, and supporters. We have continued to expand our educational offerings and communications to ensure that our members and stakeholders have access to the expert guidance and training they need.

This year, we will continue to evolve our association, positioning the CRA as an essential national voice of rheumatology in Canada. We are committed to supporting our members and stakeholders in the best way possible. I am grateful for all those who have contributed to our success, and I look forward to our continued collaboration as we move forward. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Together, we are capable of amazing things, and this report is a testament to that.

2023 Leadership and Committees

Executive Leadership

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Dr. Amanda Steiman

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Dr. Janet Pope

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Drs. Cristina Moran-Toro and Claire LeBlanc

Chairs, Review Course

Drs. Shahin Jamal and Trudy Taylor

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Dr. Evelyn Sutton

President, Arthritis Health

Professions Association (AHPA)

Mr. Paul Adam

Launch of the Canadian Rheumatology Association Foundation

Why the Foundation?

The Canadian Rheumatology Association Foundation was born out of the vision of the CRA. While the CRA focuses on promoting and advancing the field of rheumatology by organizing networking, training and education opportunities for clinicians, students, allied health professionals and researchers, the CRAF focuses on funding research and training of future rheumatologists.



Photo courtesy of the OMA

Let's Do This Together

"I am excited to be a part of the next step in the evolution of support for Canadian rheumatology research. It is an honour to provide leadership to ensure that we continue to support rheumatologists so they can make a difference in the lives of their patients. Together, we can build a sustainable organization to help Canadian rheumatologists help their patients access the best care possible."

Vandana Ahluwalia, MD, FRCPC
Chair, CRAF

"After many years in the making, we are proud to say that the Canadian Rheumatology Association Foundation was established as a registered charity in June 2022 and officially launched during the CRA & AHPA Annual Scientific Meeting in February 2023.

The rheumatology community in Canada is a very close community of doctors and other professionals who genuinely care about their patients and one another. While at the CRA we work hard to empower our members to deliver optimal care to their patients, we feel that there is so much more potential but we have limited resources.

I am inspired by this community, and it's both an honour and a privilege to be a part of the leadership of the Foundation. I am excited to be part of a group who will build capacity to serve our community and leave a legacy for future generations. The Foundation presents an opportunity to do just that.

As for research, while we have great therapies for several rheumatic diseases, we still do not have "cures," and in some cases, we don't even have great treatment options for certain conditions. Research presents opportunities to change that. We hope to build a sizeable endowment which will help us to continue and, ideally, grow our funding research. We hope you will partner with us to create a legacy."



Ahmad M. Zbib, MD, CPHIMS-CA
Executive Director, CRAF

Strategic Priorities

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



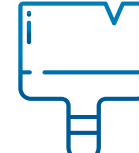
Position

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



Identify

Identify and influence issues of national relevance that affect rheumatologists' practices.



Build

Build and nurture a vibrant national rheumatology community.



Champion

Champion the cause of rheumatology research in Canada.



Sustain

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

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:



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.

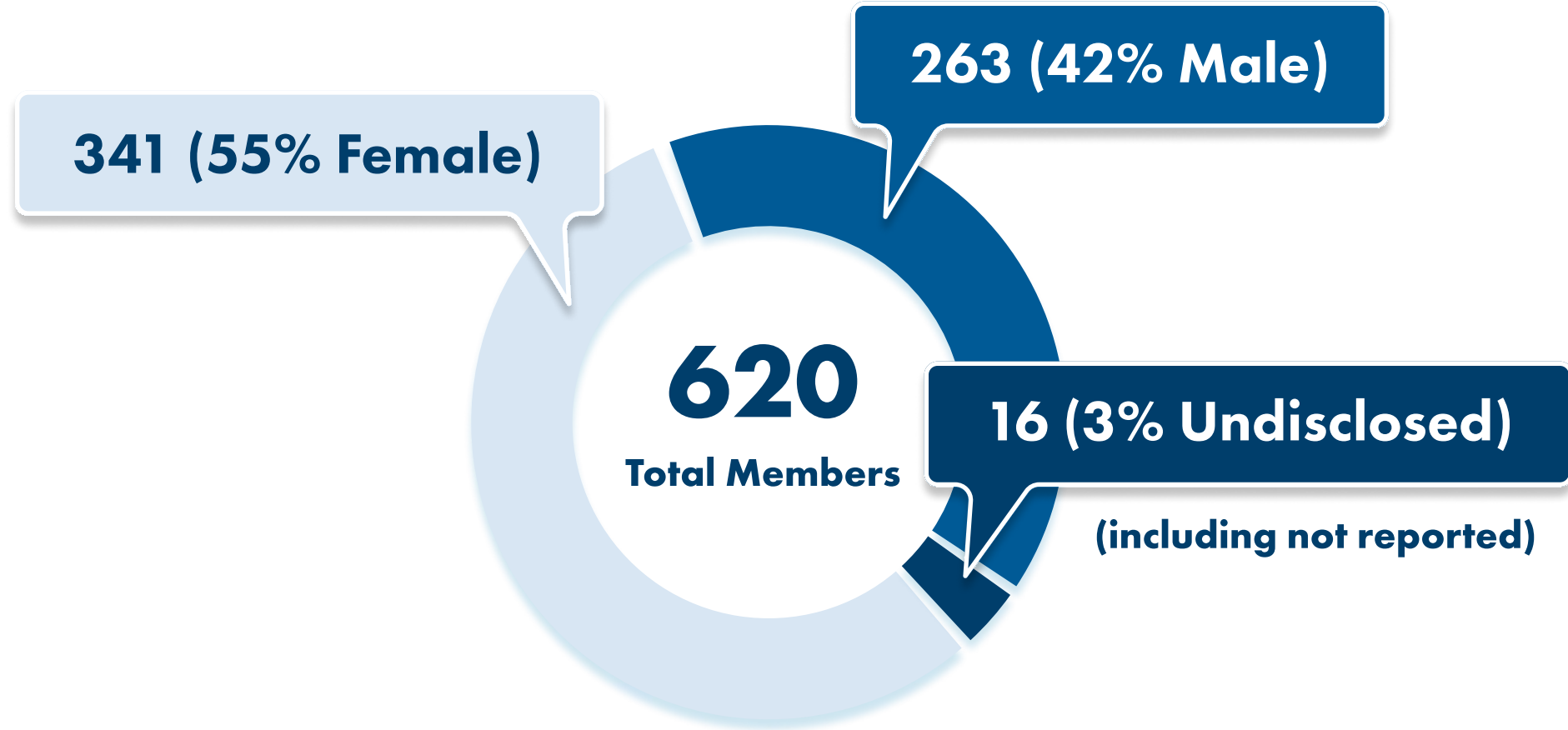


Diversity: Within the CRA, diversity refers to differences and variety within demographics, identity and composition of its members and stakeholders. The CRA embraces diversity in terms of race, ethnicity, place of origin, religious beliefs, language, abilities, gender, gender identity, gender expression,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

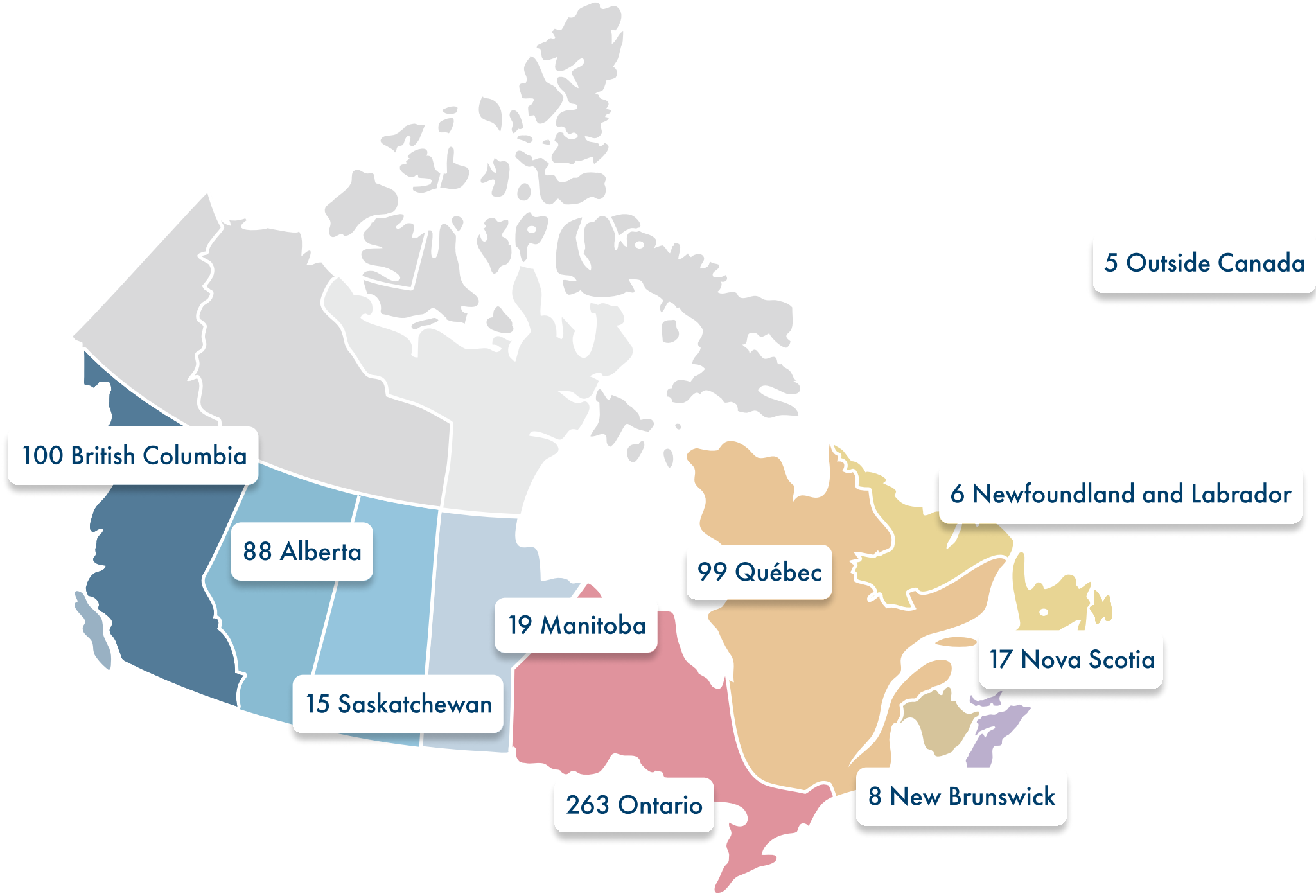


Inclusion: Throughout the organization, the CRA has a commitment to operate on the principle of inclusion. The CRA is an organization that aims to cultivate meaningful engagement and representation of historically excluded individuals and groups within our organization.

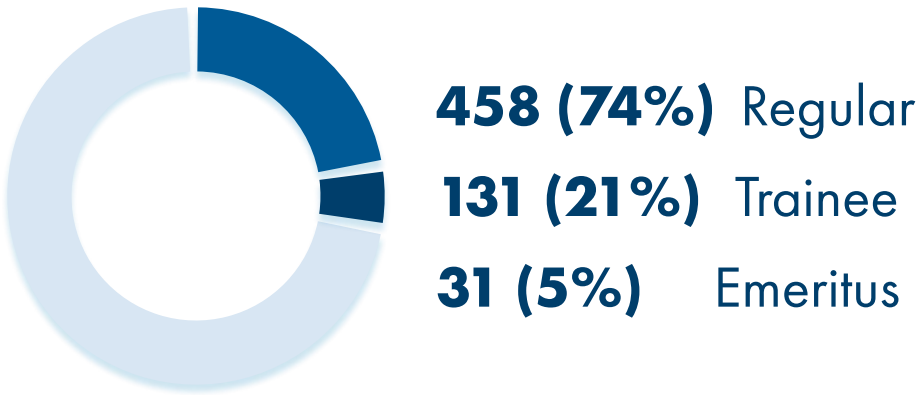
2022 Membership Overview



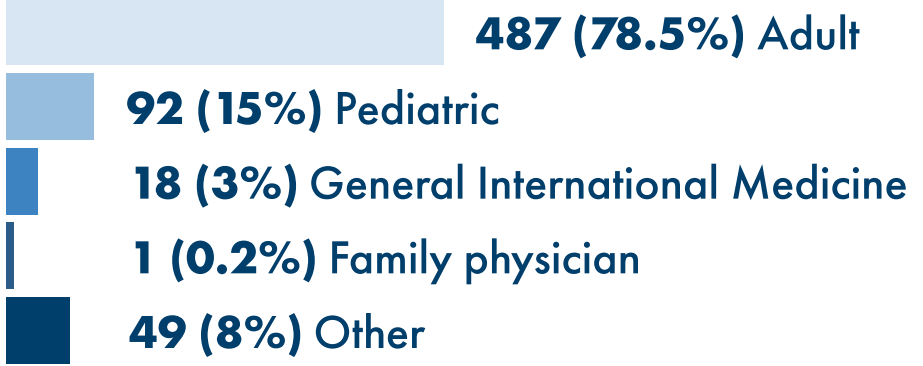
Geography



Membership Type



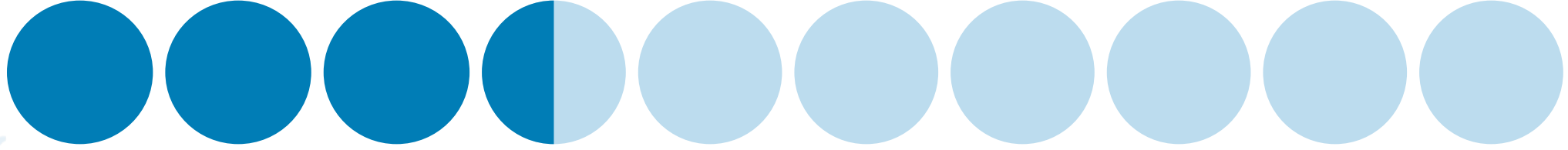
*Specialty Practice



*These categories are not mutually exclusive

Membership Engagement 2022

Over 66% of our members registered in at least **1** CRA event or are involved in a CRA committee.



More than 3 in 10 of our members are involved in CRA committees.

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.

Task force activities:

- Chair Dr. Nicole Johnson presented an introduction to EDI to the LEAP group in Nov. 2022
- EDI Task force members produced a resource guide of EDI principles for speakers to use when preparing and delivering talks/presentations. This guide was provided to the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) speakers in advance of the meeting.
- EDI Task Force members hosted two successful workshops at the ASM – 1. Applying Principles of Trauma Informed Care and Structural Competence to Provide Equitable Care in the Rheumatology Clinic and 2. How to Incorporate Equity, Diversity, and inclusion in Your Medical Education Endeavours. Both workshops had a small (15-20 attendees) but engaged audience.
- EDI Consultant Amorell Sanders-N'Daw attended the ASM to provide a report on the proceedings of the ASM from an EDI lens, which will support inclusive practices for future ASM meetings.

Next Steps:

- Organizational document review from an EDI lens
- Meeting with EDI consultant and board members, committee leads and CRA staff.



Photograph taken at the 2023 CRA & AHPA Annual Scientific Meeting of attending EDI Task Force members. (Left to right: Dr. Alan Zhou, Dr. Natasha Gakhal, Chair Dr. Nicole Johnson, Dr. Aurore Fifi-Mahm, Dr. Raphael Kraus, consultant Amorell Saunders N'Daw and Dr. Trudy Taylor. Absent, Dr. Manisha Mulgund)

CRA Summer Studentship Program

The Summer Studentship program, offered through the Canadian Rheumatology Association Foundation as of 2023, is an excellent way for medical students to gain exposure to the sub-specialty of rheumatology. The CRAF offers both clinical and research summer studentships.

 **536**
Student participants
(2001-2022)

 **16%**
of participants historically
chose rheumatology as a sub-
specialty

 **22**
Clinical and research based
summer students (2022)

Thank you to our sponsor Pfizer Canada for fully sponsoring the clinical studentship and partially sponsoring the research studentship.


Around the Rheum

Around the Rheum is the official podcast of the Canadian Rheumatology Association. Our goal is to share a Canadian perspective within the world of rheumatology through stories, in-depth subject matter features, clinical advice, interviews and more. Around the Rheum offers English and French episodes.



2022 Highlights

 All Time Listens:
28,524 (2020 to 2023)

 Listens in 2022:
16,484

 Average Monthly Listens:
1,374 (2022)

 Apple Podcasts Medicine Charts:
Peak Position #5 in Canada

 Around the Rheum charted internationally
in 16 other Apple Podcast charts.

2023 Award Winners

CRA Awards of Distinction

Dr. Gilles Boire	Distinguished Rheumatologist Award
Dr. Murray Baron	Distinguished Investigator Award
Dr. Janet Pope	Distinguished Teacher-Educator Award
Dr. Lihi Eder	Emerging Investigator Award
Dr. Steven Thomson	Emerging Teacher-Educator Award

Practice Reflection Award

Drs. Janet Roberts and Carrie Ye	Practice Reflection Award – Gold
Dr. Lilliam Lim	Practice Reflection Award – Silver

CRA Master Awards

Dr. Philip A. Baer
Dr. Sean F. Hamilton

Abstract Award Winners

Laura Whittall-Garcia	Ian Watson Award for the Best Abstract on SLE Research by a Trainee
Timothy Kwok	Phil Rosen Award for the Best Abstract on Clinical or Epidemiology Research by a Trainee
Mats Junek	Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Resident
Marie-Hélène Normand	Best Abstract on Basic Science Research by a Trainee
Leah Flatman	Best Abstract by a Post-Graduate Research Trainee
Amanda Steiman	Best Abstract on Quality Care Initiatives in Rheumatology
Shakeel Subdar	Best Abstract by a Medical Student
Jeremiah Tan	Best Abstract by an Undergraduate Student
Nicole Andersen	Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Post-Graduate Research Trainee
Alexandra Legge	Best Abstract on Research by Young Faculty
Patricia Remalante-Rayco	Best Abstract on Spondyloarthritis Research

CIORA Grant Award Winners

In 2022 CIORA funded four two-year grants and one one-year grant for a total of \$485,626.

Principal Investigator	Award	Title
Vinet, E.	\$ 114,000	Personalized therapy in lupus pregnancies
Beausejour, M. Boire, G. Feldman, D.	\$ 111,074	Assessing the timeliness of referrals in rheumatology for chronic inflammatory arthritis from a centralized referral system
Abikhzer, G.	\$ 109,326	Digital FDG PET/CT versus temporal artery biopsy and ultrasound for first-line diagnostic imaging of giant cell arteritis
Barber, C.	\$ 109,796	Development and pilot of a shared-care model for rheumatoid arthritis leveraging an “on-demand” follow-up strategy
Gottheil, S.	\$ 41,430	Reducing Urgent Care Wait Times in Community Rheumatology: A Quality Improvement Project

A special thank you to our CIORA sponsors for their continued support



Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) Program Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Marinka Twilt
Outgoing Committee Chair Dr. Vinod Chandran
Coordinators Claire McGowan and Deborah Kim

Mandate

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

Priorities 2023

- Develop a comprehensive breadth of content for the 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.
- Continue to crowd-source content through a member needs assessments and Request for Proposal (RFP) program for 2024 workshops.

2023 ASM Theme

Reconnect, Renew, Reimagine

Achievements 2023

- Hosted first CRA in-person and virtual conference.
- Satellite programs included the CRA Residents' Pre Course, CRA Review Course, and the Canadian Arthritis Research Conference.



Save the date 2024 ASM

February 28 - March 2
 RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg
 Winnipeg, MB

Reasons for Attending:



Professional Development Networking Opportunities



Rheumatology Research Updates

Notable Sessions

- RheumJeopardy
- Great Debate
- Controversies in Rheumatology
- Year In Review
- Clinical Pearls & Mysterious Cases
- Recognition of CRA Award Winners
- Mentorship and Peer Observation Programs
- CRAF launch

Impact Measures:



Will be Changing Practice Due to Conference

Feedback

- "Superb meeting; high value for time invested"
- "Great combination of science and networking"
- "Translational research was well featured in the program"
- "Good mix of topics from expert speakers"
- "Workshops were the best!"
- "Excellent conference, looking forward to attending next year"
- "Safe environment for trainees to present and interact"

Meeting at a Glance

653 Registrants
 (in-person and virtual)



Welcome Reception Sponsor



2023 Exhibitors



CRA^{SCR} Review Course

Committee Co-Chairs

Drs. Shahin Jamal and Trudy Taylor

Coordinators

Claire McGowan and Deborah Kim

Overview

 **147**  **8**

Registrants Presentations

Satisfaction Scores

 **95%**

Satisfied with Program

 **93%**

Would Recommend Program to a Colleague

 **72%**

Will be Changing Practice Due to Program

Feedback

“Amazing course! Exceeded my expectations!”

“Very well-done course, the best one so far!”

“Excellent review with many practical learning points”

Residents' Pre-Course

Committee Co-Chairs

Drs. Cristina Moran-Toro and Claire LeBlanc

Outgoing Committee Co-Chair

Dr. Dana Jerome

Coordinators

Claire McGowan and Deborah Kim

Overview

 **95**  **9**

Registrants Presentations

Feedback

“Program helps with preparations for Royal College”

“Excellent session”

Impact Measures:

 **100%**

Satisfied with Program

 **100%**

Would Recommend Program to a Colleague

Canadian Arthritis Research Conference

Representative

Drs. Tom Appleton, Andrea Knight and Carter Thorne

2022 CRA Representatives

Drs. Andrea Knight and Carter Thorne

Overview

 **191**

Registrants

 **Theme**

Arthritis Across the Lifespan

Program Featured

 **2**

Keynote Lectures

 **34**

Speakers

Reasons for Attending

 **94%**

Arthritis Research Updates

 **72%**

To Learn About the Patient Experience

 **67%**

Professional Development

 **67%**

To Network with Researchers

 **2**

Focused Streams

(i) Autoimmune/Autoinflammatory Disorders and (ii) Osteoarthritis

 **50**

Presentations

Provided at the Research Presentation Days hosted January 31, February 6 and 14, 2023

Canadian Arthritis Research Conference Sponsors

Research Champion



Research Supporter

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Impact Measure

 **88%**

Satisfied with Conference

CRA LEAdership Program (LEAP)

LEAP
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM | PROGRAMME LEADERSHIP

 **31** Graduates (2020-2022)

 **15** Newly Accepted Members (2022-2024)

The 2022-2024 LEAP program was supported by Pfizer Canada. An independent CRA program committee is responsible for the scientific integrity, objectivity, and balance of the LEAP program content.

Education Committee



Committee Chair Dr. Elizabeth Hazel
Outgoing Committee Chair Dr. Raheem Kherani
Coordinators Claire McGowan and Deborah Kim

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 2022

- Educational Resources have now been made available to Program Directors as well as Rheumatology Residents in the CRA member portal.
- Formed a working group and developed overarching goals to develop a national immunology curriculum for rheumatology trainees.
- Provided accreditation of Section 1 and Section 3 activities and enhanced MOC review process for CPD Review Group.
- Developed, disseminated, and analyzed annual National Written Rheumatology In Training Examinations (NWRITE) for adult rheumatology trainees.

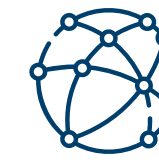
Priorities 2023

- Establish an overarching process to oversee educational priorities to coordinate educational content delivery
- Develop a curated list of existing immunology resources and begin building a repository of resources for learners and educators
- Support accreditation of Section 1 and Section 3 activities and enhance the MOC application process for physician organizations
- Promote physician practice improvement among junior CRA members
- Develop, produce and analyze annual National Written Rheumatology In Training Examinations (NWRITE) for adult rheumatology trainees

Programs

- National Rheumatology Residents' Curriculum (NRRC) Program hosted multiple resident events throughout the year, including a national vOSCE (virtual Objective Structured Clinical Exam) which was developed, disseminated, and performance analyzed for 75 adult and pediatric trainees, with feedback provided to Program Directors.
- 2022-2024 new LEAP cohort established.

Communications Committee



Committee Chair Dr. Dax G. Rumsey
Coordinator Erin Stewart

Mandate

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

Achievements 2022

- 10 new Around the Rheum podcast episodes were released in 2022
- The CRA's social media following grew in 2022 with increased activity on LinkedIn and Twitter
- Regularly promoted CRA events, Around the Rheum, members and journal articles that may be of interest to members
- Developed new articles for 'Who's in the Rheum' to introduce members to the wider community through the Journal of the Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRAJ)

Priorities 2023





- Release one Around the Rheum episode per month, grow its audience, and engage more members in conversation and participation through case presentations
- Grow the committee base by three to five new members
- Continue to build social media presence and grow Twitter and LinkedIn following



Top Five Episodes of 2022

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| 1 | Ask the Expert w Janet Pope - Scleroderma Pt. 1 | 1,313 listens |
| 2 | Ask the Expert w Janet Pope - Scleroderma Pt. 2 | 1,149 listens |
| 3 | Medical Mysteries w Sarah Hansen | 964 listens |
| 4 | Ask the Expert w Tom Appleton - Osteoarthritis Pt 2 | 958 listens |
| 5 | Virtual Care w Brent Ohata and Tommy Gerschmann | 938 listens |

Listen to Around the Rheum on:

-  Spotify [🔗](#)
-  Blubrry [🔗](#)
-  Apple Podcast [🔗](#)
-  Google Podcasts [🔗](#)

Guidelines Committee



Committee Chair **Coordinator**
Dr. Glen Hazlewood Sarah Webster

Mandate

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

Achievements 2022

Completed work on several CRA guidelines including:

- The CRA living guidelines for the Screening, Monitoring and Treatment of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis-Associated Uveitis
- CRA living guidelines for the pharmacological management of rheumatoid arthritis with disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs, with accompanying patient decision aid
- Transitioned to the publication of living guidelines, which will be continually updated in MagicApp

Priorities 2023

Publication of the following guidelines and related decision tools:

- Clinical Guidelines on Transition from Youth to Adult Care
- CRA/SPARCC Recommendations for the Management of Axial Spondyloarthritis
- Knowledge translation of existing guidelines and development of decision tools

Human Resources Committee



Committee Chair **Coordinator**
Dr. Dana Jerome Madalyn Membreno

Mandate

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 2022

- Completed white paper on Workforce & Wellness
- Completed and published position statements on Workforce & Wellness

Priorities 2023

- Systematic review focusing on organizational strategies that have been tested to address burnout in physician's white paper
- Complete national scan of resources currently available to address burnout
- Develop Knowledge Translation strategies re: burnout to share with membership
- Promote electives in underserved areas

Pediatrics Committee



Committee Chair Coordinator

Dr. Roberta Berard Sarah Webster



Mandate

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 2022

- Hosted 3 virtual CANaC Rounds (Canadian Autoinflammatory Case Rounds) sessions on CAPS, Interferonopathies, and TRAPS
- Hosted 2 National Grand Rounds webinars on Lupus Nephritis and TMJ in JIA
- Published living guidelines for the Screening, Monitoring, and Treatment of JIA- Associated Uveitis



Priorities 2023

- Continue to host educational webinars for pediatric community (CANaC Rounds and National Grand Rounds)
- Adopt ACR JIA treatment guidelines for Canadian context, in collaboration with the Guidelines Committee
- Publish Choosing Wisely recommendations
- Establish a working group to address unique aspects of burnout in Pediatric Rheumatology, in collaboration with HR Committee, and spearhead potential solutions
- Collaborate with Quality Care Committee on the finalizing and publication of Clinical Guidelines on Transition from Youth to Adult Care

Quality Care Committee



Committee Chair Coordinator

Dr. Amanda Steiman Sarah Webster



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 2022

- Published 2 Choosing Wisely recommendations on the use of rheumatoid factor when there are no signs or symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis, and monitoring lab work in patients with stable rheumatic disease
- Published Bridging the Gaps: Optimizing the Transition from Pediatric to Adult Rheumatology Care position paper
- Surveyed members and patients on the Quality Care landscape Across Canadian Rheumatology, and published results in CRAJ article



Priorities 2023

- Knowledge translation of Transition of Care position statement via educational workshops
- Develop a speaker/practice management workshop series to facilitate clinic and Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) support tools to optimize how rheumatologists practice
- Develop guideline on how to conduct Morbidity and Mortality reviews safely and securely
- Continue to promote innovation, investigation and implementation of novel models of care
- Continue to develop a shared Decision-Making Interest Group for researchers, in collaboration with the Guidelines Committee
- Create a survey to gain an understanding of the national quality improvement landscape – pain points, challenges and initiatives

Research Committee



Committee Chair Dr. Janet Pope
Coordinator Virginia Hopkins

Mandate

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.
- The committee will review and provide recommendations to the CEO for all Letter of Support requests.

Achievements 2022

- Launched 15th CIORA Grant Competition and funded 4 two-year grants and 1 one-year grant for a total of \$485,626
- Submitted articles to CRAJ Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer issues highlighting past projects
- Provided 6 Letters of Support for CRA members
- Participated on CARC planning committee

Priorities 2023

- Fund 5 CIORA grants, including one community rheumatology grant
- Solicit funding for CIORA grants
- Host a CIORA update webinar for CRA members and sponsors only
- Work with Guidelines Committee to determine areas that need guidelines
- Work with IMHA and Arthritis Society to develop a national strategy

Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology cAre (CIORA)



23 Presentations which included:



9

Poster Presentations



5

Publications



9

Podium Presentations



\$2,269,985

Requested by researchers

(\$2,223,377.05 in 2021)



\$550,000

Total funding received

(\$575,000 in 2021)



24

Grants submitted

(23 in 2021)



\$485,626

Total funding granted

(\$631,151 in 2021)



31

Letters of intent

(33 in 2021)



5

Applications funded

(6 in 2021)

Stakeholder Engagement Committee



Committee Co-Chairs

Drs. Carter Thorne and Stephanie Tom

Coordinator

Sarah Webster

Mandate

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

Achievements 2022

- 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 Actemra, Trispan Triamcinolone Hexacetonide (THA) and Depo Medrol

Priorities 2023

- Continue to monitor and share potential impact of drug shortages, mitigation strategies and alternative products for the benefit of CRA members and their patients
- Develop a position statement on National Pharmacare
- Continue to build and maintain key relationships with therapeutics-related groups/organizations (e.g., Health Canada, CADTH, pCPA)

Therapeutics Committee



Committee Chair

Dr. Alison Kydd

Outgoing Committee Chair

Dr. Rosie Scuccimarrì

Coordinator

Sarah Webster

Mandate

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 2022

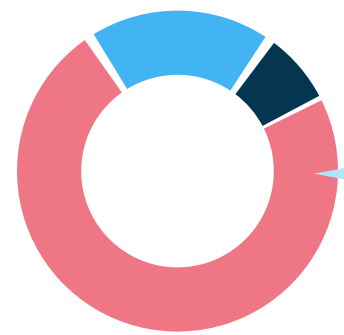
- Published updates on the following CRA position statements:
 - Citrate-free adalimumab
 - Biosimilars
 - COVID -19 vaccination
- Continued responding to drug shortages/withdrawals and or new issues as required, including communications to CRA members regarding Triamcinolone and Depo Medrol shortages, and assisting in resolution of Triamcinolone Hexacetonide (Trispan) shortage via a shelf-life extension
- Continued work on a provincial framework to aid with communication and dissemination of drug access issues
- Held initial meetings regarding the development of a Drug Access and Adjudication (Pharmacare) subcommittee
- Began participation in the CADTH Clinician Review process for rheumatology medications, with assistance from the Cochrane Group, and completed one review

Priorities 2023

- Update CRA Position Statement on Safety of Hydroxychloroquine in the Treatment of Rheumatic Diseases
- Continue work on a provincial framework to aid with communication and dissemination of drug access issues
- Continue streamlining participation in the CADTH Clinician Review process for rheumatology medications, with assistance from the Cochrane Group
- Continue to respond to drug shortages/withdrawals and or new issues as required
- Publish position statement on PDE5i in severe Raynauds

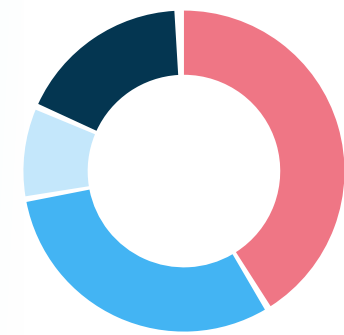
Expenditure Summary

Expenditure breakdown 2022



- 73% Core mission
- 20% Administration
- 7% Governance

Expenditure breakdown of core mission 2022



- 42% Programs and services
- 31% Research
- 9% Membership engagement
- 18% Stakeholder engagement

Publications

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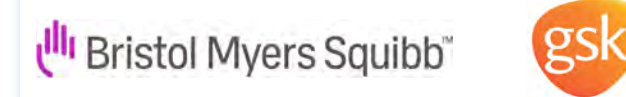
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