



Consumer Advisory Council

Collaborating with the Canadian Arthritis Network (CAN) and other consumer-centered arthritis organizations on research initiatives, grants, relevance and accessibility.

CAN's Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) is comprised of volunteers from across Canada who have various types of arthritis and who represent a wide range of professional experiences, ages, cultures and languages. The members have extensive and varied advocacy and self-management experience, which they use to inform the initiatives of the CAC and CAN.

As expert consumers, the CAC ensures the patient perspective is represented on all CAN committees and that unmet needs are being addressed within the arthritis research community.

As co-investigators and collaborators in research, the CAC contributes to the decision making process in problem identification, research study design and survey development.

As peer reviewers, the CAC joins with an international team of scientific experts to review and vote on research proposals, thereby ensuring the relevance of research being funded.

As knowledge brokers, the CAC communicates CAN research results to the arthritis community through annual events and arthritis patient networks.

Consumer Advisory Council information is located
on the Canadian Arthritis Network's website at

www.arthritisnetwork.ca

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Canadian Arthritis Network



Today's arthritis research :: Tomorrow's cure

The Canadian Arthritis Network (CAN), a not-for-profit organization funded by the Government of Canada's Networks of Centres of Excellence program (www.nce.gc.ca), has altered the research landscape for arthritis in Canada.

The Network links 179 researchers at 45 different institutions with The Arthritis Society, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, and government in the fight to achieve a world free of arthritis.

The Network has received worldwide acclaim for pioneering the involvement of patients in arthritis research decision making. It has made Canada an international leader in research on Osteoarthritis – the most common arthritis affecting 3 million Canadians – and in Rheumatoid Arthritis, the most severe arthritis affecting nearly 300,000 Canadians.



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