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PARTNERSHIPS

The strength of the Canadian Arthritis Network (CAN) is in its partnerships. The Network has developed relationships with various organizations that have a vested interest in the Canadian arthritis community and seeing a cure for arthritis in our lifetime. Below is a brief description of some of CAN's national partners.

The Arthritis Society

The Arthritis Society generously contributes \$500,000 each year to CAN's training initiatives, which is then leveraged into over \$1 million from industry and other sources. Since both groups are national in scope, research-oriented and share a similar vision of achieving a world without arthritis, the focus on training the next generation of rheumatologists and arthritis research experts is a natural fit. The program funds graduate and undergraduate students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty who are establishing their research careers and includes beneficial training programs such as national and international training rotations in academia and industry. Trainees also receive support to attend high profile scientific meetings where they can present their work to leading scientists in their fields. For more information, please visit www.arthritis.ca.

The Canadian Rheumatology Research Consortium

The Canadian Rheumatology Research Consortium (CRRC) was launched in 2003 with funding support from CAN and has evolved from focusing on Rheumatoid Arthritis only to add Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Osteoarthritis and Lupus to its areas of expertise. The CRRC designs, conducts and evaluates arthritis clinical trials in Canada. The first trial was initiated in January 2004. Four years later, 48 clinical trials had been conducted and 30 different therapies tested. Across Canada, 60 clinical trialists hold membership in the CRRC. CAN and the CRRC together provide a continuum of care for patients from "bench to bedside". For more details, visit www.rheumtrials.ca

Alliance for the Canadian Arthritis Program

A successful Osteoarthritis Consensus Conference in 2002 prompted CAN, The Arthritis Society and the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis, among others, to join forces and create the Alliance for the Canadian Arthritis Program (ACAP). Today, ACAP is a coalition of over 20 stakeholder groups dedicated to fighting the burden of arthritis, encouraging government to dedicate resources to arthritis research and care, and supporting those living with the disease. ACAP offers a forum for arthritis stakeholders to collaborate and strategize on arthritis issues and speak with one voice when addressing public policy makers. CAN continues to provide financial and administrative support to ACAP as it works towards defining a national arthritis strategy for Canada. For information, visit www.arthritisalliance.ca