



<u>Arthritis in Alberta - A letter to Alberta electoral candidates</u> (Email send out date: April 17, 2015)

Letter from Arthritis Consumer Experts

Dear Electoral Candidate,

The arthritis community is a significant constituency in your province.

According to the Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute, arthritis has devastating and debilitating effects on the lives of more than 500,000 Albertans.

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability and work disability in Alberta, with nearly three out of every five people with arthritis of working age, costing Alberta's economy \$3.3 billion in direct and indirect costs.

Arthritis Consumer Experts is asking Alberta's political leaders to share their plan on how to meet the needs of Albertans and improve arthritis prevention, treatment and care.

We look forward to your Party's response to our attached survey titled: "Share your plan for arthritis prevention, treatment and care in Alberta."

We have also included an arthritis information fact sheet titled "<u>Arthritis Consumer</u> <u>Experts – Arthritis in Alberta Fact Sheet</u>" for your reference.

Regards,

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