

## **BC New Democratic Party Response to 2013 BC Election Questionnaire from Arthritis Consumer Experts**

Thank you for your questions regarding the important issue of arthritis and for sharing information about the impact it has both on individuals and our health care system.

The BC NDP health care platform focuses on strengthening primary and community care to relieve pressure on our acute care system, and to ensure better and more appropriate access to health services for people across in BC. We will invest in multi-disciplinary health clinics and teams of health professionals to improve access to diagnosis, prevention and personal health management. This is a practical step in improving health care services for British Columbians living with chronic conditions, such as arthritis. We will also invest in expanding home support and we will renew and redefine the Health Quality Council to drive positive change and innovation within BC's health care system.

Should we form government, we would be happy to meet with you to further discuss issues related to arthritis in more detail.

To read our full platform please visit: [www.bcndp.ca/plan](http://www.bcndp.ca/plan).