

Arthritis in Quebec – A letter to (name)
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Letter from Arthritis Consumer Experts

Subject: Quebec Election 2026: Improving arthritis care for more than one million Quebecers

Dear [Party Leader / Candidate Name],

More than one million people in Quebec live with arthritis. As Quebecers prepare to vote in the October 5 provincial election, Arthritis Consumer Experts (ACE) is asking political parties and candidates to tell voters how they will improve arthritis care in the province.

Arthritis is a serious chronic disease that affects people of all ages. For people living with inflammatory arthritis, delays in diagnosis and treatment can lead to irreversible joint damage and greater disability. People with advanced osteoarthritis can wait months for joint replacement surgery while living with pain and reduced mobility. Access to rheumatology services and multidisciplinary arthritis care can also vary depending on where a person lives.

These are healthcare issues the next Government of Quebec can address.

For the 2026 provincial election, ACE's Vote for Arthritis campaign is calling for action on five priorities:

- Improve timely access to diagnosis and arthritis specialists.
- Improve access to evidence-based arthritis treatment.
- Reduce wait times for joint replacement surgery and rehabilitation.
- Improve equitable access to arthritis care.
- Strengthen accountability for arthritis care.

We have attached a short [questionnaire](#) asking your party to describe the actions it would take in these five areas. We are particularly interested in specific commitments that voters can use to understand how your party would improve arthritis care if elected.

ACE is a national, patient-led organization and our Vote for Arthritis campaign is non-partisan. We will publish responses from Quebec's political parties so people living with arthritis can compare their commitments before voting.

We would appreciate receiving your completed questionnaire by Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

Thank you for considering the needs of more than one million Quebecers living with arthritis. We look forward to sharing your response with the arthritis community.

Yours sincerely,

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