Arthritis in New Brunswick – A letter to the New Brunswick Liberal Party Email sent out date: September 4, 2020

Letter from Arthritis Consumer Experts

Dear Electoral Candidate,

The arthritis community is a significant constituency in New Brunswick.

In the lead up to the provincial election, Arthritis Consumer Experts (ACE) is asking New Brunswick's political leaders to share their plan on how to meet the needs of more than 150,000 New Brunswick residents living with arthritis.

As the New Brunswick Liberal Party Leader, you have stated: "Health care is a priority for New Brunswickers and myself." As part of this commitment, is ACE interested in your response to our attached survey titled: "Share your plan for arthritis prevention, treatment and care in New Brunswick".

Arthritis has devastating and debilitating effects on the lives of one in four New Brunswick residents, a rate higher than the national average of one in five. Within a generation, the number of New Brunswickers with the most disabling and life-threatening types — osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis — is expected to significantly increase. Two-thirds are under the age of 65. It's common among athletes and those with physically demanding jobs. In fact, arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions are the leading cause of work disability in New Brunswick and the rest of Canada.

To effectively treat and manage arthritis, the next elected New Brunswick government must improve the level of arthritis prevention, treatment and care.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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Arthritis in New Brunswick – A letter to The Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick Email sent out date: September 4, 2020

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The Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick has promised to increase healthcare spending and introduce improvements to bridge the distance for vulnerable patients, like seniors, to connect with specialists, and provide more timely support when they need care the most.

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Arthritis in New Brunswick – A letter to New Democratic Party of New Brunswick Email sent out date: September 4, 2020

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The New Democratic Party of New Brunswick's healthcare platform promises to create a comprehensive plan for New Brunswick's health care system that is developed in consultation with all key stakeholders, including the public.

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The Green Party of New Brunswick has stated "a caring society ensures that all people have equal access to the necessities of life and to amenities which enhance our collective human experience - health, education, quality housing, meaningful livelihoods, and cultural enrichment."

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Arthritis in New Brunswick – A letter to the People's Alliance of New Brunswick Email sent out date: September 4, 2020

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The People's Alliance of New Brunswick's healthcare platform is intended to provide a sustainable health care system that responds to the urgency and consistency required in staffing, facilities and emergency, plus virtual care and patient connect services.

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