

Arthritis in the Northwest Territories – A letter to (name)
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Letter from Arthritis Consumer Experts

Dear Mr./Ms.

The arthritis community is a significant constituency in the Northwest Territories.

In the lead up to the provincial election, Arthritis Consumer Experts (ACE) is asking Northwest Territories candidates running for office (see attached survey) to share their perspectives on how to meet the needs of the one in five Northwest Territory resident living with arthritis.

Arthritis is a leading cause of disability in the Northwest Territories and a significant economic burden related to direct health care costs and indirect costs to the economy related to lost employment, sick leave, and absenteeism.

Health care delivery is one of the most important issues for Northwest Territories voters leading up to the November 14, 2023, election. The way people living with arthritis access and receive health care varies significantly across Northwest Territories. This particularly affects Northwest Territories voters living with inflammatory arthritis – like rheumatoid arthritis – who depend on getting a timely and accurate diagnosis, fast access to rheumatologists, and appropriate public reimbursement for needed disease-modifying medications.

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

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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