

## **Arthritis In Canada Publication**

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A new publication, set to be launched the end of September, clearly illustrates the magnitude of arthritis. More comprehensive in scope than previous publications of its kind, *Arthritis in Canada* is expected to elicit data that illustrates the growing service gap created by the ever-increasing numbers of people with arthritis and the decline of services and providers available to people with arthritis. Among its considerations are primary care, specialty care, mortality and drug use surveillance data.

The Health Canada publication is a joint effort of stakeholder groups including The Arthritis Society, Health Canada, the Arthritis Community Research and Evaluation Unit, (ACREU), and the Canadian Arthritis Network (CAN). Numerous other stakeholder groups have been involved in its development and review including hospital and university researchers, clinicians, and provincial ministries of health.

Helen Klassen, BC arthritis advocate and CAPA member served as the consumer reviewer of the publication. She says, “This publication can serve as a tremendous educational and lobbying resource to mobilize resources, change attitudes and increase public and political will towards arthritis in Canada.”

Available in both English and French, Arthritis in Canada can be obtained in PDF format from The Arthritis Society's Web site.

- English: [www.arthritis.ca/mediacentre](http://www.arthritis.ca/mediacentre)
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