



Arthritis in Manitoba – A letter to Manitoba electoral candidates
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Letter from Arthritis Consumer Experts

Dear Electoral Candidate,

The arthritis community is a significant constituency in your province.

Arthritis has devastating and debilitating effects on the lives of more than 180,000 Manitoba residents aged 15 years and above.

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability and work disability in Manitoba. About a quarter of the population with arthritis between 20 and 54 years of age in Manitoba were not in the labour force because of their arthritis, costing Manitoba's economy more than \$600 million in productivity losses.

Arthritis Consumer Experts is asking Manitoba's political leaders to share their plan on how to meet the needs of Manitoba residents and improve arthritis prevention, treatment and care.

We look forward to your Party's response to our attached [survey](#) titled: "Share your plan for arthritis prevention, treatment and care in Manitoba".

We have also included an [arthritis information fact sheet](#) titled "Arthritis Consumer Experts – Arthritis in Manitoba Fact Sheet" for your reference.

Regards,

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