

**Arthritis in Prince Edward Island – A letter to Prince Edward Island electoral candidates
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Letter from Arthritis Consumer Experts

Dear Electoral Candidate,

The arthritis community is a significant constituency in Prince Edward Island (P.E.I.).

Arthritis has devastating and debilitating effects on the lives of one in five P.E.I residents. Within a generation, more than one in four Islanders is expected to have the most disabling and life-threatening types – osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. To effectively treat and manage arthritis, the next elected P.E.I. government must improve the level of arthritis prevention, treatment and care.

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability and work disability in P.E.I., with nearly three out of every five people with arthritis of working age.

Arthritis Consumer Experts is asking P.E.I.'s political leaders to share their plan on how to meet the needs of more than 25,000 residents living with arthritis 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 Prince Edward Island."

Regards,

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