

**Arthritis in British Columbia – A letter to British Columbia 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 600,000 British Columbians.

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability and work disability in BC. About a quarter of the population with arthritis between 20 to 54 years of age in BC were not in the labour force because of their arthritis.

Arthritis Consumer Experts is asking British Columbia's political leaders to share their plan on how to meet the needs of British Columbians 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 British Columbia".

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

Regards,

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