

Arthritis in Manitoba – A letter to The Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba
Email sent out date: September 18, 2023

Letter from Arthritis Consumer Experts

Dear Ms. Heather Stefanson,

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

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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Arthritis in Manitoba – A letter to The Green Party of Manitoba
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