

Health Inequities and Arthritis in Canada

Background:

Beginning in 2022, ACE began work to raise awareness about disparities in access to arthritis care in Canada between white and Black, Indigenous and Person of Colour (BIPOC) people living with arthritis.

Key Audiences:

- Arthritis community (patients, HCPs)
- BIPOC community
- Elected officials/senior bureaucrats
- Media

Key Activities:

- National Survey on Health Inequities in Arthritis Care
- Indigenous Health webinar series
- Awareness raising through ACE social media platform



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Survey Results and Taking Action:

Survey

- BIPOC respondents face significantly greater barriers and discrimination and benefit less from their interactions
- Results reach ACE subscribers (50,000, including every elected official in Canada) members (9,000), followers & fans (20,000)
- Social media campaign reach approx. 400,000
- EULAR Abstract – June 2

Webinar Series

- Four presentations for key arthritis stakeholder groups on Indigenous Peoples history, traditional healing practices and beliefs

Next Steps:

Meet with provincial and territory health ministries to present Survey results, state of arthritis care for BIPOC people, RA Dashboard.