2020 CIORA Grant Awards



he Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA) is pleased to announce that CIORA will be funding five two-year grants for a total of \$509,203 CAD to projects that will enhance access and innovation for rheumatology care. Congratulations to the 2020 grant award recipients!

This was the 13th annual grant competition and since 2006, CIORA has funded 103 projects and provided \$7,378,703 CAD in research funding.

CIORA provides funding based on various pillars; this year's grants include projects that promote:

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education (1)
- Multi-Disciplinary Care Teams (1)
- Health Economics/Sustainability of Health Care/Quality Improvement (3)

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Pillar	Title	Principal Investigator	Award
Awareness/Advocacy/ Education	Improving the care of cancer patients receiving immunotherapy who develop rheumatic immune-related complications, and those with preexisting rheumatic disease, through online education with health care providers: An Initiative of Ca-nadian Research Group of Rheumatology in	Roberts, J.H. Ye, C.	\$77,148
Health Economics/ Sustainability of Health Care/Quality Improvement	Health economic evaluation of the manda-tory switching policy for biosimilars in patients with rheumatoid	Bansback, N.	\$96,984
Health Economics/ Sustainability of Health Care/Quality Improvement	Measuring quality of heart failure care in inflammatory arthritis – are we making the mark?	Kuriya, B. Eder, L.	\$104,000
Health Economics/ Sustainability of Health Care/Quality Improvement	Safety and effectiveness of biosimilar anti-TNF agents in British Columbia – exploiting a natural experiment from a change in health policy	Lacaille, D.	\$114,000
Multi-Disciplinary Care Teams	Work disability and function in systematic lupus erythematosus: a national mixedmethods sequential explanatory study	Nowrouzi-Kia, B. Tourna, Z.	\$117,098

CIORA is issuing another call for grants in 2021!

- CIORA Online Grant Application System opens January 25, 2021.
- Letter of Intent must be submitted by February 19, 2021.
- CIORA Online Grant Application submission deadline is April 9, 2021 at 17:00 (Pacific Time).
- Grant notifications will be sent out in June 2021.