

# RheumJeopardy! 2023

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**R**heumJeopardy! has become a fixture at CRA Annual Scientific Meetings (ASMs), to the extent that the year it began antedates the time that most of the CRA staff have been working for the CRA. *RheumJeopardy!* returned as a plenary session at the 2023 CRA ASM for an eighth consecutive year according to my records. After two years in virtual format, the 2023 event was hybrid in nature, allowing both live and virtual attendees to answer the questions. Fortunately, seamless integration between the HOPIN meeting platform, the AV team from BBBlanc, and MKEM averted any possible technical glitches. I moderated from the Quebec City conference centre. After a West victory by 5,200 to 3,700 in the 2022 edition, Dr. Alison Clifford from Edmonton returned as Chair and scorekeeper. We maintained the traditional East versus West format, with Toronto the dividing line again this year, though to balance the attendees it was placed in the West camp! Our team captains were Dr. Vinod Chandran from Toronto and Dr. Raheem Kherani from Vancouver, both outgoing CRA committee chairs, and veterans of past *RheumJeopardy!* events. As in 2022, only the members of the team whose captain had selected a question voted on the answer, which had the effect of lowering the potential scores. The team captains selected the Final Jeopardy wagers and answered the Final Jeopardy question on their own.

The session drew a large audience of enthusiastic participants. The practice question related to the ChatGPT artificial intelligence program. The answer revealed that the program thought that only people with the first name "John" could possibly be top Canadian rheumatologists, including the semi-fictional Dr. John Pope and Dr. John Inman.

Ten questions were selected in the main game. They proved to be challenging, but our teams were more than up to the task. Potpourri and Sight Diagnoses were once again the most popular categories, and the 1,000-point row of questions was frequently selected. Questions picked related to the SURPASS and TARGET studies, CAR-T cell therapy for systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), congenital malformations from mycophenolate mofetil (MMF), and the failure of curcumin as a therapy for rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Voters correctly identified the function of ARTHUR, the ARTHritis Ultrasound Robot. They also knew that the BIOBADASAR registry was based in Argentina, while the similar-sounding BIOBADASER registry originated in Spain. Stumpers included the "Dirty Dish" hypothesis of gout therapy, and the fact that rheumatologists scored highest for introversion of all medical specialties, according to a humorous article in the *Postgraduate Medical Journal* from the BMJ group.

At the end of the main Jeopardy round, the score favoured East with 3,600 over West with 2,000. Both captains



Pictured, from left to right, Dr. Philip Baer, the host, and team captains, Dr. Vinod Chandran (East) and Dr. Raheem Kherani (West).



maintained tradition and elected to wager everything on the Final Jeopardy question. The category was also familiar: "Famous Canadian Rheumatologists." The question focused on efforts by Canadian rheumatologists to train rheumatologists in an African country of 12 million people which had no rheumatologists at all, using a grant from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. The shape of the country and the colours of its flag were provided as a hint.

The correct answer was Rwanda, with efforts there led by Dr. Carol Hitchon and Dr. Rosie Scuccimarrì. Only the West captain answered correctly. That left West as the winning team with 4,000 versus East's score of 0. This means Dr. Raheem Kherani will likely chair *RheumJeopardy!* in 2024 in Winnipeg if the ASM Scientific Committee grants us a place on the agenda. I am already preparing a question bank if we are renewed for another season. Thanks to everyone who participated, and to Dr. Jane Purvis who tracked the questions we used in 2023 to ensure they do not reappear in future years.

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