

2025 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting

Join us for the 2025 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting, hosted **IN PERSON** at the Calgary Telus Convention Centre!

Prepare to be inspired! Our conference offers an extraordinary blend of cutting-edge science, interactive sessions, and unparalleled networking opportunities. Dive into a program curated to deliver insights from top Canadian and international experts, ensuring you leave with a wealth of knowledge and connections that will elevate your professional journey.

The 2025 conference theme is, ***Ascending to New Heights: Peaks of Innovation in Rheumatology***, celebrates the latest advancements and breakthroughs in the field of rheumatology with a community who pushes the boundaries of what is possible in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of rheumatic diseases.

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (In person) – February 26, 2025

Time (MT)		Session
1:30 PM	2:00 PM	Welcome Address
2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Year in Review: Clinical/Basic Science and Pediatric Review
3:15 PM	4:00 PM	Keynote Lecture: Applied Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: Moving from Hype to Reality
4:00 PM	4:15 PM	BREAK
4:15 PM	5:15 PM	Clinical Pearls & Mysterious Cases
5:15 PM	6:00 PM	RheumJeopardy! 2025
6:00 PM	6:15 PM	Arthritis Society Update
6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Welcome Reception

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (In person) – February 27, 2025

Time (MT)		Session
7:30 AM	8:00 AM	BREAKFAST SERVICE
7:55 AM	8:00 AM	Top of Day Announcements
8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Podium Presentations
9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Awards of Distinction
9:30 AM	10:15 AM	State-of-the-Art Lecture: Cellular Therapies: A New Era in Treating Systemic Sclerosis
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	BREAK & TRANSFER
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 1A - Psoriatic Arthritis
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 1B - Applied Artificial Intelligence in Medicine

10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 1C - How to Approach the "Rule out CNS Vasculitis" Consult
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 1D - Insights into the Pathogenesis and Biomarkers Related to Systemic Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 1E - Leaving No Family Behind: A Collaborative Approach to Improving Care for Families in Northern BC
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 1F - Moving More with Inflammatory Arthritis: The Benefits of Physical Activity and Strategies for Supporting Physical Activity Behaviour Change
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 1G - New Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Lupus Nephritis
11:45 AM	12:00 PM	TRANSFER
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Poster Tours / Networking / Free Time
12:30 PM	12:45 PM	TRANSFER AND LUNCH SERVICE
12:45 PM	1:45 PM	Non-accredited Satellite Symposium
1:45 PM	2:00 PM	TRANSFER
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Workshop 2A - The MUSTs, SHOULDs and ASPIREs of the new Transition Clinical Practice Guidelines
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Workshop 2B - Demystifying Autoantibodies in Systemic Sclerosis: Practical Considerations
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Workshop 2C - Derm in the Rheum: Clinical Pearls in Lupus and Dermatomyositis
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Workshop 2D - Planetary Health: How to Green Your Practices, Provide Evidence-Based Patient Care and Save Costs
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Workshop 2E - Research Doesn't End with the Funding, Knowledge Dissemination is a Must!
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Workshop 2F - The Art of Connecting: Inclusivity Across the Rheumatology Spectrum
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Workshop 2G - Unmet Needs in Pediatric Rheumatology: An Update
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	TRANSFER
3:15 PM	4:00 PM	CRA AGM <i>(CRA members exclusively)</i>
4:00 PM	4:45 PM	The Great Debate: The Great Debate: Be it Resolved that MSK (POC) US Should be a Mandatory Component of Rheumatology Curricula
4:45 PM	5:00 PM	TRANSFER
5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Poster Session

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (In person) – February 28, 2025

Time (MT)		Session
7:30 AM	8:00 AM	BREAKFAST SERVICE
7:55 AM	8:00 AM	Top of Day Announcements
8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Podium Presentations
9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Awards of Distinction
9:30 AM	10:15 AM	Dunlop-Dottridge Lecture: The Road to a New Horizon in Psoriatic Arthritis
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	BREAK AND TRANSFER
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 3A - CAR-Based Cellular Therapies for Autoimmune Diseases
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 3B - Palliative Care in Rheumatic Diseases: When Does the End Begin and Why Does It Matter?
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 3C - Learn How to Decipher Your Muscle Biopsy Reports
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 3D - AI Scribing: Are You Ready for It? Is It Ready for You?
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 3E - Recent Developments in the Pathogenesis and/or Prognosis of Inflammatory Arthritis
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 3F - Starting and Stopping Medications for Children and Young Adults with Arthritis: What Matters for Effective Shared Decision-Making?
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Workshop 3G - Closing The Gap Between Primary Care and Rheumatology: The Rheumatology Rapid Assessment Clinic Model
11:45 AM	12:00 PM	TRANSFER
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Poster Tours / Networking / Free Time
12:30 PM	12:45 PM	TRANSFER
12:45 PM	1:30 PM	LUNCH SERVICE
1:30 PM	1:45 PM	TRANSFER
1:45 PM	3:15 PM	Poster Session
3:15 PM	3:30 PM	TRANSFER
3:30 PM	4:15 PM	Controversies in Rheumatology
4:15 PM	4:30 PM	Awards of Distinction
4:30 PM	5:15 PM	Distinguished Investigator Keynote Address: Towards Personalized Medicine and a More Target Approach to Prevention and Treatment of the Systemic Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases

5:15 PM	5:30 PM	Closing Address
5:30 PM	7:00 PM	BREAK
7:00 PM		Gala Dinner (Reception 7:00-8:00 PM, Dinner 8:00 PM onwards)