

2026 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting

Join us for the 2026 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting, hosted **IN PERSON** at the Halifax Convention Centre!

Prepare to be inspired! The CRA Annual Scientific Meeting is more than just a conference—it’s a celebration of innovation, collaboration, and excellence in rheumatology. Experience a dynamic program that blends cutting-edge science, interactive learning, and unmatched networking opportunities. This premier event proudly nurtures the exceptional Canadian rheumatology community, bringing together leading minds from across the country and around the globe. Gain insights from top experts, forge meaningful connections, and leave empowered with the knowledge and relationships that will elevate your professional journey.

Shifting Tides: Embracing Change in Rheumatology. The CRA invites you to explore the evolving landscape of rheumatology at the 2026 ASM this April in Halifax, NS. With ongoing advances in research, evolving treatment strategies, and shifting models of patient care, we must navigate change with insight, agility, and innovation. Join us as we embrace new perspectives, challenge old assumptions, and shape the future of rheumatologic care—together.

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (In person) – April 16, 2026

| Time (AT) | | Session |
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| 8:00 AM | 1:00 PM | In Person Small Group Meetings |
| 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 | Tough to Treat: Rethinking Strategy in Tough-to-Treat Rheumatoid Arthritis |
| 4:00 PM | 4:15 PM | Arthritis Society Update |
| 4:15 PM | 4:30 PM | TRANSFER |
| 4:30 PM | 5:15 PM | Welcome Reception |
| 5:15 PM | 5:30 PM | TRANSFER |
| 5:30 PM | 6:30 PM | Clinical Pearls and Mysterious Cases |
| 6:30 PM | 7:15 PM | Keynote Lecture: Holistic Rheumatology: Safe and Effective Ways to Incorporate Integrative Autoimmune Care into your Practice |
| 7:15 PM | 7:30 PM | BREAK |
| 7:30 PM | 8:30 PM | Unaccredited Satellite Symposium |

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (In person) – April 17, 2026

| Time (AT) | | Session |
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| 6:30 AM | 7:15 AM | CRA Fun Run/Walk |
| 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: From Serendipity to Science: How Anti-HMGR Antibodies Changed our Understanding of Myositis |
| 10:15 AM | 10:45 AM | BREAK & TRANSFER |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 1A: Holistic Rheumatology: An Interactive Workshop to Enhance Integrative Care |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 1B: IgG4-Related Disease: Diagnosis and Management |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 1C: Best Practices for Cardiomyopathy Monitoring in Antimalarial Use in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 1D: Unexplained Lymphadenopathy: Recognizing Rare Disease Patterns in the Rheumatology Clinic |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 1E: From Pre-Conception to Post-Partum: An Interprofessional Guide to Caring for Women with Spondyloarthritis |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 1F: Translational Science |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 1G: Unmet Needs in Pediatric Rheumatology: An Update |
| 11:45 AM | 12:00 PM | TRANSFER |
| 12:00 PM | 12:30 PM | Poster Tours 1-4 / Networking / Free Time |
| 12:30 PM | 12:45 PM | TRANSFER AND LUNCH SERVICE |
| 12:45 PM | 1:45 PM | Unaccredited Satellite Symposium |
| 1:45 PM | 2:00 PM | TRANSFER |
| 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | Workshop 2A: Myositis: A Practical Workshop for the Rheumatologist |
| 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | Workshop 2B: Unravelling Neurological Manifestations of Connective Tissue Diseases |
| 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | Workshop 2C: Capillaries, Microhemorrhages and Giants: A Practical Approach for the Microvascular Examination in Rheumatology |
| 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | Workshop 2D: Recent Clinical Developments in the Understanding of Inflammatory Arthritis |

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| 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | Workshop 2E: How to Implement the "Mini-Practice Audit Model": An Approach to Self-Assessment and Identifying Current Practice Patterns |
| 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | Workshop 2F: Demystifying 'That Mysterious Joint (TMJ)': A Succinct, Hands-on Approach to TMJ Assessment |
| 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | Workshop 2G: Putting Patients at the Centre: The CArE Transdisciplinary Team in Action |
| 3:00 PM | 3:15 PM | TRANSFER |
| 3:15 PM | 4:15 PM | CRA AGM (CRA members exclusively) |
| 4:15 PM | 5:00 PM | The Great Debate: Be it Resolved that Medications Should be Tapered in Patients with Inflammatory Arthritis in Remission |
| 5:00 PM | 5:15 PM | CRA CIORA Presentation |
| 5:15 PM | 5:30 PM | TRANSFER |
| 5:30 PM | 7:00 PM | Poster Session |

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (In person) – April 18, 2026

| Time (AT) | | Session |
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| 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: Still's Disease and AOSD Across the Age Spectrum: Emerging Endotypes, Genomic Insights and Evolving Therapies |
| 10:15 AM | 10:45 AM | BREAK AND TRANSFER |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 3A: Lung Disease and Drug Reactions in Still's Disease: What is the way forward? |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 3B: A Practical Approach to Autoinflammatory Diseases – What the Rheumatologist Needs to Know in 2026 |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 3C: Topicals from A to Z |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 3D: Diagnosis and Management of Rapidly-Progressive Interstitial Lung Disease |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 3E: CRA/CanRIO Living Guidelines for the Management of Baseline Immunosuppression for Pre-existing Rheumatic Diseases When Initiating Cancer Immunotherapy |
| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 3F: Translational Insights in the Pathogenesis and Biomarkers Linked to Systemic Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases |

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| 10:45 AM | 11:45 AM | Workshop 3G: Best Practice Recommendations for Assessing and Treating Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies for the Allied Health Professional |
| 11:45 AM | 12:00 PM | TRANSFER |
| 12:00 PM | 12:30 PM | Poster Tours 5-7 / Networking / Free Time |
| 12:30 PM | 12:45 PM | TRANSFER & LUNCH SERVICE |
| 12:45 PM | 1:45 PM | Unaccredited Satellite Symposium |
| 1:45 PM | 3:15 PM | Poster Session |
| 3:15 PM | 3:30 PM | TRANSFER |
| 3:30 PM | 4:15 PM | RheumJeopardy! 2026 |
| 4:15 PM | 4:30 PM | Awards of Distinction |
| 4:30 PM | 5:15 PM | Distinguished Investigator Keynote Address: Change is Hard but Living with Inequities is Harder: A Journey to Improving Arthritis Care in Canada |
| 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) |