

## 2015 CIORA Awards

The grant recipient for the 2015-2016 CRA(CIORA) TAS Clinician Investigator Salary Award is Dr. Bindee Kuriya, for her research into whether rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is associated with an increased risk of depression compared to diabetes and to the general population. The research will be borne out in a large-scale study using electronic medical records (EMRs) from across Ontario.

Dr. Kuriya's research will also seek to identify risk factors for the development of depression after RA is diagnosed. Supplementary analyses will assess the use of mental health care services for depression such as counselling or psychiatric care, along with deepening understanding of any serious mental health consequences of depression such as emergency room visits, hospitalizations or self-harm attempts among individuals with RA.



The Clinician Investigator Salary Award is intended to provide a young investigator with the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to initiate and pursue independent research of clear relevance to arthritis, before becoming involved in carrying out the full clinical, teaching and research duties expected of a regular member of the university staff. This two-year grant is awarded to an individual upon completion of post graduate training, within four years of a full-time clinical faculty appointment.

Awardees are expected to complete a research project during the term of this salary award. The proposed project must be of clear relevance to rheumatic diseases and be aligned with one or more of the research pillars under the Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology Care (CIORA) grant program:

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education
- Early Access for Rheumatic Disease Patients
- Multi-disciplinary Care Teams

For more information on this award and how to apply, please visit:

[www.rheum.ca/en/ciora/cra\\_ciora\\_tas\\_clinician\\_investigator\\_award](http://www.rheum.ca/en/ciora/cra_ciora_tas_clinician_investigator_award).

### CIORA 2015 Grant Awards

**Supporting Patient Care with Electronic Resource (SuPER): Efficacy of an Online Decision Aid for Patients Considering Biologic Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis**

Principal Investigators: Linda Li and Diane Lacaille  
Grant Amount: \$51,130

**Testing of System-Level Performance Measures for Inflammatory Arthritis**

Principal Investigator: Claire Barber  
Grant Amount: \$110,000

**Do Persons with Rheumatic Diseases Have Timely Access to Chronic Pain Services?**

Principal Investigator: Kadija Perreault  
Grant Amount: \$68,540

**Understanding the Effects of Creating and Viewing Art and Digital Stories with Pediatric Rheumatology Patients, Healthcare Teams and in Educating the Community**

Principal Investigator: Paivi Miettunen  
Grant Amount: \$52,841

**The Economic Challenges of SLE: Measuring and Mitigating the Impact**

Principal Investigator: Ann Clarke  
Grant Amount: \$111,800

**Preventing Rheumatoid Arthritis (Pre-RA): Perspectives of People at Risk and of Rheumatologists on Selected Interventions**

Principal Investigators: Mark Harrison and Marie Hudson  
Grant Amount: \$82,933

**Translating Research into Practice: Identifying Factors that Influence the Uptake of Canadian Research Findings into the Clinical Care of Children with Arthritis**

Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Stringer  
Grant Amount: \$74,990

**Pharmacist-led CVD Intervention for Inflammatory Arthritis Patients**

Principal Investigator: Carlo Marra  
Grant Amount: \$99,627

**Improving the Care of Patients with Systemic Vasculitis Through the Development of Management Recommendations and Educational Materials: A Canadian Vasculitis**

Principal Investigator: Christian Pagnoux  
Grant Amount: \$89,170