
current and future members, along with operational excellence, innovation and financial sustainability.

What have been the most rewarding aspects of this new role so far, and what have been the most challenging aspects?

Most rewarding is working with volunteers who are dedicated to the mission of this organization. Most challenging. . . working from home where you just never leave the office.

What do you foresee as challenges to Canadian rheumatologists in the future? What can individual rheumatologists and the CRA do to help meet these challenges?

One of the biggest challenges I anticipate is a growing population without an increase in the number of rheumatology training spots. Add to that the fact that within the next 5-10 years, 30% of rheumatologists will be at retiring age. This will amplify the shortage of rheumatologists and, in turn, put a higher burden on already busy practices, which will only lead to increasing wait times for patients.

The CRA is already supporting multiple projects in models of care, which has the potential to alleviate this pressure. Furthermore, we are working on highlighting regional

variations in access to rheumatologists; facilitating the discussion between trainees and community rheumatologists practicing in rural and underserved areas is another focus of ours.

If you had an extra hour in the day, how would you spend it?

Goofing around with my kids.

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of these MAiD cases is not that rheumatologists will necessarily be much more involved in future MAiD cases, but that we may have to do better at examining the suffering wrought by rheumatic diseases from the perspective of our patients.^{4,5}

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