



Dr. Schneider received his award via videoconference from then CRA President Dr. Vandana Ahluwalia and Dr. Raheem Kherani.

collaborative physicians, who derive a great deal of satisfaction from their work.

#### Are you more of morning or night person?

Definitely a morning person, particularly when I don't also try to be the night person.

#### How many cups of coffee does it take to make a productive day?

At least two; a third cup has to be balanced with the risk of a tremor.

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## Getting Action, Raising Voices

By Trish Barbato, President and CEO, Arthritis Society

As Canada continues to confront COVID-19, the Arthritis Society has been working hard to draw attention to the serious health challenge that is emerging – the alarming backlog of joint replacement surgeries.

More than 5,000 Canadians have so far joined our call, asking their elected representatives to make this a priority. We also began efforts this summer to convene a Pan-Canadian Working Group to recommend practical strategies for how we can swiftly increase surgeries and implement new and innovative models of care and prevention. CRA members can expect to hear more about this effort in the coming months.



Governments in Canada reacted with admirable speed and purpose to the economic fallout caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We know it is now time to bring that same sense of urgency to this growing crisis in arthritis care.

Arthritis Awareness Month in September is providing us with an additional platform to raise awareness of these issues. Throughout the month, the Arthritis Society has been inviting Canadians from coast to coast to join us in raising one million voices and \$1 million for the six million Canadians with arthritis. Look for news about our #1for6million campaign and please join in. Visit [arthritis.ca](http://arthritis.ca) to learn more.