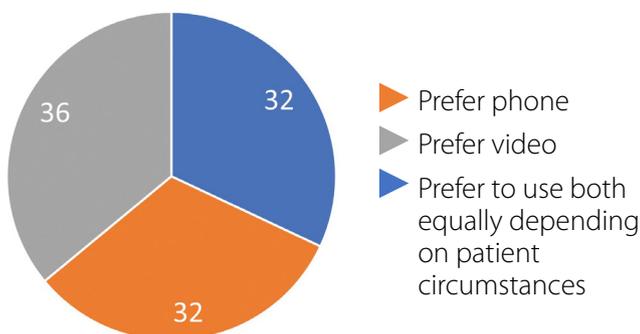


CHART 2:
Preferred Telehealth Platform If No Barriers Existed (%)

N = 130 (December 2020)



happy with virtual visits. The wide variety of responses and comments in this survey confirm that telemedicine has an important role in the future of healthcare, though whether it will be used or not for a specific patient ultimately depends on the patient, their condition and their unique circumstances.

The CRA Telehealth Committee is working on best practice recommendations and looks forward to seeing results from multiple quality improvement and research efforts assessing telehealth models of care being carried out by CRA members.

If you have any additional feedback for the CRA, please contact Sue Ranta at sranta@rheum.ca.

*The response rate to the survey was 130 out of a possible 599, equating to 22%. Approximately 44% of respondents were academic rheumatologists and 43% were community rheumatologists, and among these 24% were both; 14% were pediatric rheumatologists.

Regional News: Update from Manitoba

By Liam O'Neil, MD, FRCPC

The big news from Manitoba (MB) is that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has provided funding for a team immunology project (nominated principal investigator [NPI]: Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy, recently bestowed ACR Master) that will aim to understand and prevent rheumatoid arthritis autoimmunity in First Nations people. Dr. Liam O'Neil was hired in early 2020 as a clinician-scientist and co-investigator on this team grant.

In other news, we eagerly await the opening of a new Internal Medicine subspecialty outpatient clinic which is being developed by a team led by our very own Dr. David Robinson. Adult rheumatology is also now providing outreach clinics to serve Nunavut (Dr. Robinson) and Hodgson, MB (Dr. Konstantin Jilkine). Sadly, we also must announce the departure of Dr. Kerstin Gerhold from pediatric rheumatology, with Dr. Lilly Lim taking over as section head. Dr. Lim is also funded by CIHR to study lived experience and longitudinal employment in lupus patients.



Several bear statues, known as the "Bears on Broadway," decorate the grounds of Manitoba's Parliament in Winnipeg.

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