

## Update from the Guidelines Committee

By Glen Hazlewood, MD, PhD, Chair of the CRA Guidelines Committee

The Guidelines Committee continues to be very active. In 2021-22, guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination, rheumatoid arthritis and juvenile uveitis were all published. We've launched "living" guidelines, which will be the new model for CRA guidelines moving forward. These guidelines will be kept updated on a continual basis over time. New recommendations will be continually added, and individual recommendations will be added or updated as needed. In addition to being published in the *Journal of Rheumatology*, guidelines are being hosted in MAGICApp (with links through the CRA website), an online platform for guideline publishing, that will allow for "living" updates. All of the CRA guidelines can be found here: [rheum.ca/resources/publications/](https://rheum.ca/resources/publications/)

We've also incorporated a formal approach to considering health equity throughout our guidelines and have started to develop decision aids linked to key preference-sensitive recommendations (our first for tapering of advanced therapy in rheumatoid arthritis is available here: [rheum.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/RA\\_decisionaid\\_July-20-2022.pdf](https://rheum.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/RA_decisionaid_July-20-2022.pdf)). Our "Guidelines Corner" section of the CRAJ launches in this issue (see page 13) and will highlight selected recommendations from our guidelines.

The Guidelines Committee would like to thank all the people who have contributed to the success of the committee over the past year: Sue Ranta and Sarah Webster for the amazing administrative support to the committee; Jordi Pardo and Cochrane Musculoskeletal for providing methodological support; Arnav Agarwal and the MAGICApp team; GRADE and GRADEPro; and of course all members of the Guidelines Committee and panelists, including the dedicated patients who participate in the guideline panels.

There are many opportunities to be involved in evidence reviews or guidelines through the CRA, either as a trainee or a practicing rheumatologist. CRA members, please reach out to Sarah Webster at [swebster@rheum.ca](mailto:swebster@rheum.ca).

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