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Update from the Northwest Territories and Nunavut

By Steven Katz, MD, FRCPC

Over the last few decades, rheumatology care for those in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut has been provided by rheumatologists based out of Edmonton. Dr. Dale Sholter provided amazing care to these remote communities for 20 years until 2019, regularly

traveling to Yellowknife. It has been a struggle to find someone to assume this large traveling practice since then, with the COVID-19 pandemic and a lack of resources being major barriers. Dr Steven Katz, along with new Edmonton-trained rheumatologists Drs. Jenny Hong, Greg Koller and Andrea Johnson have held a few travelling clinics to Yellowknife to bridge the gap, but a more sustainable model is needed to ensure continuity and quality of care. With the NWT Health Authority, there is a plan to establish a new multidisciplinary Arthritis Program which will enhance the resources available for patient care. We continue to work on identifying one or more rheumatologists to lead this program. Should there be any interest, please follow up with Dr. Katz.



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