Making Research Count:
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Earlier this year, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee was chartered to make recommendations that advance DEI across the major mission functions of CARRA. This will include recommendations to enhance our understanding of DEI principles, the diversity of patients enrolled in our research studies, as well as the diversity of our own teams.

To get started, two rounds of nominations and voting for DEI committee members will be held this fall. The committee is seeking nominations for representatives from the following groups:

- JIA
- JDM
- Pain
- SLE
- RD
- RCN
- Cross Cutting
- Early Investigators
- Small Centers
- TRTC

To be a part of this essential initiative, click here to learn more about the DEI Committee’s elections.
**Congrats! Latest Election News**

Becoming an elected leader of a CARRA committee is one of the best ways to develop the leadership experience that will help you now—and in the future.

Here are your latest elected leaders:

- **JIA Committee**
  - Dan Horton, Vice Chair

- **Fellows Committee**
  - Melissa Argraves, Co-Chair
  - Christine Bacha, Co-Chair

- **Fall Elections**
  You can still participate in this fall’s elections when you nominate yourself or a colleague for key roles.
  
  - DEI Committee, rounds 1 and 2
  - Chair, Finance Committee
  - Steering Committee elections

Deadlines and requirements vary. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Save the Date: ACR Convergence**

**ACR Convergence**, the annual meeting of the American College of Rheumatology, will take place virtually and in person Nov. 1-10, 2021.

**Are you presenting at ACR? **  
**Tell us about it!**

Registration will include:

- **11/1**: Early access to the virtual meeting platform
- **11/3-5**: Advance programming, including the new Global Rheumatology Summit, Basic and Clinical Research Conference, and Radiology Bootcamp
- **11/5-9**: ACR Convergence scientific programming and special events
- **11/10**: ACR Review Course

Learn more and register [here](#).

**New Contact Info? Let Us Know!**

Did you know? The contact information stored in your member profile is how we deliver key information to you, such as:

- Funding opportunities
- Leadership options
- Need-to-know news about CARRA and your colleagues

For many of you, your listed contact information is also how we distribute crucial research support. This means that incorrect contact information may delay the resources you need.

No matter the change, you’ll want to update your member profile as soon as possible. It’s easy to do on [carragroup.org](http://carragroup.org).  

- Begin navigating to your member profile [here](#)
- Follow this path: Members > Member Profile & Directory

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**Arthritis Foundation**

**UPDATES**

The National JA Conference, "A Family Reunion," is July 14-17, 2022 in Orlando, Fla. The Arthritis Foundation plans an in-person conference alongside a new hybrid format. [Arthritis.org/jaconference](http://arthritis.org/jaconference) has more.

The Live Yes! Living with Arthritis podcast is out with its latest COVID guidance, "Back to School and College During Covid, Part 2."

- [Listen to part 2](#)
- [Catch up with part 1](#)

Registration for 2022 JA Camp season begins March 2022. It’s a chance for kids and teens to connect with others who have the same diagnosis, often for the first time. Get the latest at [arthritis.org/jacamps](http://arthritis.org/jacamps).