

**CARRA Membership**

CARRA offers a variety of memberships for those connected to or interested in engaging in pediatric rheumatology research.

All CARRA members are expected to participate in one or more research committees, abide by CARRA policies, and participate in relevant surveys and elections, and renew their membership and/or review and update their membership profile on an annual basis.

Membership eligibility will be determined after review of your online application. If you have questions about whether not you are eligible for membership after reviewing the information below, please email [membership@carragroup.org](mailto:membership@carragroup.org).

An overview of CARRA memberships is provided below. CARRA

Membership Category and Eligibility	Annual Dues	Benefits	Travel Support to Annual Scientific Meeting*	Attend CARRA Business Meeting?
<p><b>Physician and Pediatric Rheumatology Investigator Member</b> Includes the following individuals at CARRA sites or other academic healthcare institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All pediatric rheumatologists and physicians from other specialties</li> <li>• Research scientists or health care professionals who have an advanced degree and:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Served as the Principal Investigator of a study undertaken within CARRA, <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ For more than five (5) years committed at least 50% of professional effort in a field relevant to pediatric rheumatology and published at least three peer reviewed articles in a field relevant to pediatric rheumatology.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All postdocs</li> </ul>	<b>\$150</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intramural Grants and Travel Awards**</li> <li>• Access to grant writing assistance for early investigators</li> <li>• Attendance at CARRA Annual Scientific Meeting (no registration fee)</li> <li>• May serve as PI of a CARRA study</li> <li>• May lead a CARRA workgroup</li> <li>• Participation in CARRA committees and workgroups</li> <li>• May apply for access to CARRA Registry data and biospecimens</li> <li>• Access to administrative support for distribution of CARRA related surveys to the CARRA membership***</li> <li>• Access to the CARRA Members-Only Collaboration Site</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
<p><b>Research and Health Care Professional Member</b> Includes the following individuals at CARRA sites or other academic healthcare institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CARRA Registry Research coordinators and other pediatric rheumatology research coordinators working at CARRA sites.</li> <li>• Health care professionals (nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, etc.) and other research professionals (such as site regulatory coordinators) working at CARRA sites who do not meet criteria for “Physician and Pediatric Rheumatology Investigator Members”</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intramural Grants**</li> <li>• Attendance at CARRA Annual Scientific Meeting (no registration fee)</li> <li>• May lead a CARRA workgroup</li> <li>• Participation in CARRA committees and workgroups</li> <li>• May apply for access to CARRA Registry data and biospecimens</li> <li>• Access to administrative support for distribution of CARRA related surveys to the CARRA membership***</li> <li>• Access to the CARRA Members-Only Collaboration Site</li> <li>• Primary site CARRA Registry Coordinator is eligible to receive travel support to attend the CARRA Registry Retreat</li> </ul>	Upon approval from CARRA/CARRA Workgroup leaders	Yes
<p><b>Trainee Member</b> Includes the following individuals at CARRA sites or other academic healthcare institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellows participating in approved Pediatric Rheumatology fellowship programs in the US or Canada</li> <li>• International physicians participating in training programs with the goal of becoming pediatric rheumatologists</li> <li>• Pediatric Residents interested in pediatric rheumatology</li> <li>• Medical Students interested in pediatric rheumatology</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intramural Grants and Travel Awards**</li> <li>• Access to grant writing assistance for early investigators</li> <li>• Attendance at CARRA Annual Scientific Meeting (no registration fee)</li> <li>• Participation in CARRA committees and workgroups</li> </ul>	<p>Yes for Fellows and Pediatric Residents</p> <p>Upon approval from CARRA/CARRA Workgroup leaders for Medical and Graduate students.</p>	Yes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate Students interested in pediatric rheumatology</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May apply for access to CARRA Registry data and biospecimens</li> <li>Access to administrative support for distribution of CARRA related surveys to the CARRA membership***</li> <li>Access to the CARRA Members-Only Collaboration Site</li> </ul>		
Associate Membership Categories	Annual Dues	Benefits	Travel Support to Annual Meeting?	Attend CARRA Business Meeting?
<p><b>Business and Industry Associate Member</b> Includes individuals from for-profit companies engaged in the sale of health-related products or services, including pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device companies. Employees who lead or are actively engaged in a portfolio relevant to pediatric rheumatology or a closely related field are eligible. Relevant portfolios may include: (1) experimental medicine aimed at efficacy, mechanism of action, pharmacology, and/or safety of therapeutic agents; (2) digital health (e.g., apps, watches, monitoring devices); (3) diagnostics; and (4) device and medical data mining applications.</p> <p>Must 1) have MD, PhD, or equivalent degree(s), or high-level relevant expertise or ability, 2) provide the name of a CARRA member who supports your application for associate membership, and 3) complete CARRA Conflict of Interest/Commitment disclosure forms.</p>	\$300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance at annual meeting</li> <li>Attendance at other CARRA events (by invitation)</li> <li>Participation in research/stakeholder committees and workgroups (by invitation)</li> <li>Can be a collaborator on a CARRA grant but may not salary support.</li> <li>Not eligible to apply for grants, registry data, or biosamples.</li> </ul>	No	No
<p><b>Nonprofit/Government Associate Member</b> Includes leaders and/or staff (including patients/caregivers) from nonprofit or government organizations who are actively engaged in work related to pediatric rheumatology or a related field. Leaders may be paid or volunteer leaders (such as members of an organization’s Board of Directors or advisory boards).</p>	\$100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance at annual meeting</li> <li>Attendance at other CARRA events (by invitation)</li> <li>Participation in research/stakeholder committees and workgroups (by invitation)</li> <li>Can be a collaborator on a CARRA grant but may not salary support.</li> <li>Not eligible to apply for grants, registry data, or biosamples</li> </ul>	No	No
<p><b>Patient/Caregiver Associate Member</b> Patient/caregiver associate members are individuals 18 years of age or older who are interested in becoming research partners with CARRA and are not leaders from other nonprofit and/or advocacy organizations.</p> <p>Some examples of how to engage with CARRA as a research partner include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>participating in CARRA workgroups and/or committees,</li> <li>assisting with review of grant applications,</li> <li>participating in surveys and/or focus groups, helping to design research studies and sharing your voice about what is important to you as a patient/caregiver.</li> </ul> <p>This category of membership is intended for patient/caregivers who do not meet any other category for CARRA membership.</p>	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance at CARRA Annual Scientific Meeting (no registration fee)</li> <li>Attendance at other CARRA events (by invitation)</li> <li>Participation in research/stakeholder committees and workgroups (by invitation)</li> <li>Intramural grants (must have a pediatric rheumatologist as a Co-I on the grant)</li> </ul>	Only for <b>invited</b> patient/caregiver associate members	No

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\*Travel support to CARRA Annual Scientific Meeting. The amount of travel support provided varies by membership category and changes year to year. See Annual Scientific Meeting page for current year’s policy.

\*\*Eligibility for Intramural Grants varies by membership type. See Grants/Funding page for specific details.

\*\*\*CARRA members (not associate members) may distribute surveys to the CARRA membership with appropriate IRB and CARRA committee approval. See CARRA Survey Policy for more information.