



March 27, 2021

## Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Guest Speaker

Dear member,

Due to COVID-19 the 2021 AGM for Vasculitis Foundation Canada (VFC) will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 1PM Eastern Time (ET), online, and by phone, Via ZOOM.

**To attend the 2021 VFC AGM online login to ZOOM at this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87939881030> enter the meeting ID: 879 3988 1030 if prompted. The ZOOM app can also be downloaded here if needed.

**To attend the 2021 VFC AGM by phone call one of these numbers:** 647 558-0588, Toronto; 438 809-7799, Montreal; 204 515-1268, Manitoba; 587 328-1099, Alberta; 778 907 2071, Vancouver, and **enter the Event ID#: 879 3988 1030**

**The purpose of the meeting will be to:**

1. approve minutes of the 2020 AGM from April 18, 2020;
2. receive the President/Directors report on the business of the foundation;
3. receive the Treasurer's report and financial statements for the 2020 calendar year;
4. appoint accountants for the new year;
5. vote to elect officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary) and directors for the new year;
6. transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting
7. Adjournment or postponements thereof.

If you have a matter that you think should come before the meeting, please write it out as concisely as possible and we will see that it is presented at the meeting. **It is very important that you return your proxy if you are unable to attend.** Return your proxy via mail, or email to: [contact@vasculitis.ca](mailto:contact@vasculitis.ca)

**Join us for "Patient Tools" for better outcomes with our guest speaker with Dr. Joanne Jiang**

Dr. Jiang is VFC's first Vasculitis Fellow and is attending the Toronto Vasculitis Clinic with Dr. Pagnoux for additional studies in vasculitis until June 30, 2021. In February 2021 she conducted a patient survey to assess the support needs of vasculitis patients. Vasculitis patients can be overwhelmed with a vasculitis diagnosis and the need to undergo powerful treatments, tests, biopsies, regular lab tests and ongoing doctor appointments. We believe patient "tools" with educational materials will help patients understand and navigate their disease symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and help track lab and test results, as well as disease progress. **Dr. Jiang will also review the current COVID-19 vaccine guidelines as they may apply to vasculitis patients.**

We look forward to you joining us on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 1PM ET via ZOOM. It is a great opportunity to get involved in your organization and learn about vasculitis with people who understand.

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