

April 2, 2023

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Guest Speaker

Dear Vasculitis Foundation Canada Members.

Due to COVID-19, the 2023 AGM for Vasculitis Foundation Canada (VFC), will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 12 Noon Eastern Time (ET), online, and by phone, via ZOOM.

To attend the 2023 VFC AGM online login to ZOOM at this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81514262949?pwd=WIhVYzZpNmViZFYrUGZGN0dkcHZLdz09 enter the meeting ID: 815 1426 2949 if prompted. The ZOOM app can also be downloaded here if needed.

To attend the 2023 VFC AGM <u>by phone</u> call one of these numbers: 647 374-4685/647 558-0588, Toronto; 438 809-7799, Montreal/Quebec; 204 272-7920, Manitoba; 780 666-0144/587 328-1099, Alberta; 778 907-2071, Vancouver, and **enter the meeting ID#: 815 1426 2949**

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

- 1. approve minutes of the 2022 AGM from May 14, 2022;
- 2. receive the President-Directors' report on the business of the Foundation;
- 3. receive the Treasurer's report and financial statements for the 2022 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. adjourn, or postponements thereof.

If you have a matter that you think should come before the meeting, please write it out on the proxy 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

Join us for "an interim report on the emerging data from the patient survey "Access to Vasculitis Care in Canada" with our guest speaker, Kareena Nanda, UofA medical student and co-author with Dr. Elaine Yacyshyn in Edmonton. Kareena has been collecting data from the patient survey that many of you have completed. With support from VFC, Kareena recently presented some of her findings in the form of a "poster" at the Canadian Rheumatology Conference in Quebec City this past February. She will share with us some of the findings. Highlight findings include data that indicate: 67% of you were mis-diagnosed, and 78% of you have been hospitalized at least once. Join Kareena as she presents the interim survey findings and advise the direction this survey will be heading in the future.

We look forward to you joining us on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 12 Noon ET via ZOOM. It is a great opportunity to get involved in your organization and learn about vasculitis with people who understand.

Jon Stewart, President Vasculitis Foundation Canada

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