



April 4, 2024

Notice of 2024 VFC Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Guest Speaker

Dear Vasculitis Foundation Canada Members,

The **2024 AGM** for Vasculitis Foundation Canada (VFC), will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 12 Noon** Eastern Time (ET), online, and by phone, **via ZOOM**.

To attend the 2024 VFC AGM online login to ZOOM at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83594459480?pwd=ZzVGYTg1NnNRUjhvNHhxY3pDU0lvUT09>

Enter the meeting ID: **835 9445 9480** if prompted. The ZOOM app can also be downloaded here if needed.

To attend the 2024 VFC AGM **by phone** 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#: 835 9445 9480**

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

1. approve minutes of the 2023 AGM from April 22, 2023;
2. receive the President-Directors' report on the business of the Foundation;
3. receive the Treasurer's report and financial statements for the 2023 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 ensure 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 VFC vasculitis fellow Dr. Justine Lafleur-Careau for a follow-up report on our vasculitis diagnostic tools for family and ER physicians, as well as simplified diagnostic tools for individuals who suspect they may have vasculitis. You know, from last year's AGM presentation by Kareena Nanda that **67% of you were mis-diagnosed, and 78% of you have been hospitalized at least once! We want to improve these results!**

These new tools are intended to provide a pathway, or algorithm that can lead to a quicker vasculitis diagnosis and thus improve vasculitis outcomes. What these new tools will look like is starting to emerge, and we are interested to get your input and feedback. **Join Dr. Lafleur-Careau as she presents the next version of these diagnostic tools and advises the direction this project will be heading in the near future.**

We look forward to you joining us on Saturday, April 27, 2024 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.

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