



Arthritis Education Class Guide

January - June 2024

Registration is open to all, No referral required

Majority of our Mary Pack Arthritis Program classes are available online via Zoom currently. We offer various arthritis topics that are for everyone as well as a few specific to Inflammatory Arthritis (IA) and Osteoarthritis.

There are two types of Zoom formats:

1. Webinar: Audio or video participation not required. Registration confirmation email generated automatically.
2. Meeting: Audio or video participation is encouraged. Due to capacity limits, a registration confirmation email will be sent only if there is space available.

What will I need to participate in a virtual education class?

- Computer/laptop or smartphone/tablet
- Internet connection
- Private space for conversation
- Charged battery (if wireless)

If you live in the Vancouver or Victoria area and do not have access to the internet to attend virtual education classes, please contact your local center to discuss alternative options:

Vancouver 604-875-4111 x 69218

Victoria 250-598-2277

If you are having difficulty with online registration please contact Vancouver (604-875-4021) OR Victoria (250-598-2277 Ext. "0") for assistance. Please note that your call may be re-directed.

Class Name	Description	Dates
Biologics, Biosimilars, and Jak inhibitors (IA)	Learn about the different types of advanced therapeutic medications, risks/benefits, and special considerations.	Jan 15 Mar 18 May 13
ZOOM WEBINAR	Mondays (10:00-11:00 am) **CLICK HERE to register**	

Community Resources ZOOM MEETING	Learn about disability pensions, subsidized housing and other ways of saving money when you have a disability. Wednesday (10:00-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Apr 10	
Exercise and Arthritis ZOOM MEETING	Learn principles of exercising with arthritis. <i>Note: No specific exercises are taught.</i> Fridays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Jan 26 Feb 23 Mar 22	Apr 26 May 24 Jun 28
Fatigue Management ZOOM MEETING	Discuss factors that affect fatigue. Examine your daily activities and learn to conserve energy. Thursdays (11:00-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Feb 22 Mar 28	Apr 25 May 23 Jun 27
Gardening with Arthritis	Learn tips and tricks to help improve gardening with arthritis. ** Click here for latest dates available for registration through OASIS ** See "Upcoming Webinar and Classes" section	April 4 (additional dates to follow)	
Goals and Action Planning ZOOM MEETING	Learn how to create a successful action plan to manage your arthritis. Fridays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Jan 19 Feb 16 Mar 15	Apr 19 May 17 Jun 21
Joint Protection of Arms ZOOM MEETING	How to protect the joints in the arms and hands while performing everyday tasks. Tuesdays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Mar 12 Apr 9	May 14 Jun 11
Joint Protection of Legs ZOOM MEETING	How to protect the joints in the hips and knees while performing everyday tasks. Tuesdays (1:00-2:30 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Jan 16 Feb 20 Mar 19	Apr 16 May 21 Jun 18

Managing Emotions (2 part class) <i>IN PERSON class (in Vancouver only)</i>	<p>Review the types of loss associated with arthritis, common emotional reactions, signs and symptoms of depression and coping strategies. This class consists of small group work in a sharing environment. Consider taking: Strategies for Making Sustainable Change first.</p> <p>Wednesdays (10:00-12:00 pm)</p> <p>** Click HERE to register (2 Part Class) **</p>		<p>Part 1: Apr 24 Part 2: May 1</p>
<p><u>Managing Inflammatory Arthritis (2 Part series)</u></p> <p>Learn how inflammatory arthritis affects the body, how it is diagnosed, what medications are used, how to do a body scan, and how to manage flares.</p> <p>Although attendance at both sessions is encouraged, it is not mandatory.</p> <p>***Registration is required for each session**</p>			
Part A: Understanding the Disease (IA) <i>Zoom WEBINAR</i>	<p>Learn the basics about the disease process and medications prescribed for Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA), Psoriatic arthritis (PSA) and Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS).</p> <p>Monday (1:30 – 3:00pm)</p> <p>**CLICK HERE to register **</p>	<p>Jan 15 Feb 12 Mar 18</p>	<p>Apr 15 May 13 Jun 17</p>
Part B: Tools for Management (IA) <i>Zoom WEBINAR</i>	<p>Learn the purpose of a body scan and how to perform one, how to manage flares and apply modalities, and understand the role of exercise.</p> <p>Note: This class focuses on RA and PSA. For those with AS, please consider attending the “Managing Spondyloarthritis” class.</p> <p>Thursdays (1:30 – 3:00)</p> <p>**CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 18 Feb 15 Mar 21</p>	<p>Apr 18 May 16 Jun 20</p>
Managing Spondyloarthritis (IA) <i>Zoom WEBINAR</i>	<p>Learn about Ankylosing Spondylitis and other inflammatory arthritis conditions involving the spine. <i>Please note:</i> this class is not for osteoarthritis, disc problems, or other back conditions.</p> <p>Tuesday or Thursday (5:30-7:30 pm)</p> <p>**CLICK HERE to register**</p>		<p>Jan 18 Feb 27 Apr 11 May 14</p>

Navigating the Healthcare System (2 part class) <i>IN PERSON class (in Vancouver only)</i>	<p>Learn how to build a health care team that meets your needs, navigation do's and don'ts and about being an effective communicator.</p> <p>Wednesdays (10:00-12:00 pm)</p> <p>** Click HERE to register (2 Part Class) **</p>	<p>Part 1: Mar 6 Part 2: Mar 13</p>	
Nutrition, Supplements and Arthritis	<p>Learn about the impact of diet on arthritis, nutrients and supplements that can help and strategies for healthy eating.</p> <p>** Click here for latest dates available for registration from OASIS **</p> <p>See "Upcoming Webinar and Classes" section</p>	<p>Classes offered every month.</p>	
Osteoarthritis <i>Zoom MEETING</i>	<p>Learn what osteoarthritis is and how it affects the body. Discuss treatment and management.</p> <p>Tuesdays (10:30-12:00 pm)</p> <p>**CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 2 Feb 6 Mar 5</p>	<p>Apr 2 May 7 Jun 4</p>
<u>Pain series (2 Part series)</u> Please note: our Pain classes occur as a series. Attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged, but not required			
Pain A: Understanding Pain <i>Zoom MEETING</i>	<p>Learn how pain travels from its source to the brain. Use this information to explore pain management strategies.</p> <p>Mondays (10:30-12:00 pm)</p> <p>**CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 22 Mar 18</p>	<p>Apr 15 Jun 17</p>
Pain B: Medication and symptom Management <i>Zoom MEETING</i>	<p>Learn about the use of medications (topical, oral, injectable) to manage symptoms of arthritis and improve quality of life.</p> <p>Wednesdays (10:30-12:00 pm)</p> <p>**CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 24 Feb 28</p>	<p>Apr 24 May 22 Jun 26</p>

Prevention and Management of Osteoporosis (3 Part series)

Bone Health is very important for people with rheumatic conditions. Learn how to build stronger bones with diet, exercise, lifestyle, and medication.

Although attendance for all 3 sessions is encouraged, it is not mandatory

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Part A: Osteoporosis Overview and Treatment Zoom WEBINAR	Learn what is osteoporosis, the risk factors, diet, supplements and medications for it. Mondays (2:00 - 3:00 pm)	Jan 15 Jun 10 ** CLICK HERE to register**
Part B: Prevention and Management with Exercise Zoom MEETING	Learn the categories of osteoporosis, safety tips, effects and benefits of variety of different exercises, and the importance of good posture. Demonstration of sample exercises would be included. Wednesdays (9:30-11:00 am)	Jan 17 Jun 12 ** CLICK HERE to register**
Part C: Managing Your Everyday Activities Zoom MEETING	Learn about fall prevention, fatigue management and ways to manage everyday activities with greater ease and confidence. Fridays (9:30-11:00 am)	Jan 19 Jun 14 ** CLICK HERE to register**
Sleep and Arthritis Zoom WEBINAR	Learn about the health benefits of sleep, the relationship between sleep and stress, and strategies for improving your sleep and managing your stress. ** Click here for latest dates available for registration through OASIS ** See "Upcoming Webinar and Classes" section	Classes offered every month.

Spine series (2 Part series)

Please note: our Spine classes occur as a series. Attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged, but not required.

Spine A: Anatomy <i>Zoom MEETING</i>	Basic spine anatomy and the effects of arthritis on your back. Fridays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Feb 2 Mar 1	Apr 5 May 3
Spine B: Joint Protection <i>Zoom MEETING</i>	How to protect your neck and back during everyday activities. Fridays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Feb 9 Mar 8	Apr 12 May 10
Strategies for Making Sustainable Change (2 part class) <i>Zoom MEETING</i>	This small group provides guidance and support for putting stress management techniques into practice. Consider taking: Sleep and Stress Management first (offered by OASIS Regional) Wednesdays (10:00-12:00 pm) ** Click HERE to register (2 Part Class) **	Part 1: Mar 20 Part 2: Mar 27	
Walking More Comfortably	Learn about the benefits of walking with poles, specific features of different shoes, and other tips to improve your walking comfort. ** Click here for latest dates available for registration through OASIS ** See “Upcoming Webinar and Classes” section	Classes offered every month.	

Additional classes from OASIS Regional

For more classes on Osteoarthritis please see the class list from our colleagues at OASIS.

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[** Click here for latest dates available for registration **](#)

See “Upcoming Webinar and Classes” section

