

People with arthritis have the **right** to:

- Be treated with dignity, respect and consideration.
- A timely and accurate diagnosis.
- Timely access to all types of high-quality care.
- Readily available current information, education and support programs about arthritis and evidence-based arthritis care.
- Be informed and participate with their healthcare providers in all treatment decisions.
- Equal public reimbursement and timely access in all provinces and territories to available medication and non-medication treatments.
- Live their lives fully without discrimination.
- See that research is underway to find a cure and improve quality of life.
- Be included in the development of health policies and programs that affect them.

People with arthritis have the **responsibility** to:

- Learn about arthritis and arthritis care.
- Live a healthy lifestyle and speak openly with their healthcare providers.
- Ask questions about treatment and follow the agreed upon course of treatment.

This charter can be found online at:

<http://arthritispatient.ca/projects/arthritis-patient-charter/>