



Arthritis Education Class Guide

Winter/Spring 2021

In light of the ongoing pandemic, the Mary Pack Arthritis Program has suspended all in person classes until further notice. We are now able to offer many of our classes online via ZOOM.

Our online classes are based out of both our Vancouver and Victoria locations.
Registration is open to all, no referral required

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

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

VANCOUVER based classes for people with Inflammatory Arthritis

Please **click on the link below to register** You will receive an email with a link to join the session. If you are having difficulty with online registration, please call (604) 875-4021

<i>Class Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<u>Managing Inflammatory Arthritis</u> (4 part webinar series)	Learn how inflammatory arthritis (mainly Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis) affects the body, how it is diagnosed, what medications are used, how to do a body scan, and how to manage flares. Part 1 + 2 are taught by a rheumatology RN, part 3 + 4 are taught by a physiotherapist. Although attendance at all 4 sessions is encouraged, it is not mandatory ***Registration is required for each session**	
Inflammatory Arthritis- Part 1	<u>Understanding the Disease</u> Learn the basics about the pathophysiology of rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis Mondays (1:30-2:30 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Feb 22 Apr 19 June 14
Inflammatory Arthritis- Part 2	<u>Understanding the Medications</u> Brief overview of common medications used in rheumatic disease Thursdays (1:30-2:30 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Feb 25 Apr 22 June 17

<p>Inflammatory Arthritis- Part 3</p>	<p><u>Tools for Management, session 1</u></p> <p>Learn the purpose of a body scan and how to perform one; other systems and structures involved in inflammatory arthritis; and review electronic and written health diaries to track your symptoms</p> <p>Tuesdays (1:30-2:30 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Mar 2 Apr 27 June 22</p>
<p>Inflammatory Arthritis- Part 4</p>	<p><u>Tools for Management, session 2</u></p> <p>Learn about what a flare is and how to manage it; understand the purpose of cold or hot modalities and how to apply it; understand the role/different types of exercise; and learn how to perform range of motion exercises</p> <p>Thursdays (1:30-2:30 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Mar 4 Apr 29 June 24</p>
<p><u>Biologics, Biosimilars, and Jak inhibitors</u></p>	<p>Learn about the different types of advanced therapeutic medications, risks/benefits, and special considerations</p> <p>Mondays (10:00-11:00 am) **CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 25 Mar 22 May 10 Jul 5</p>
<p><u>Osteoporosis (2 Part series)</u></p>	<p>This class is meant for those with a diagnosed form of inflammatory arthritis who would like to learn or have been diagnosed with osteoarthritis</p> <p>***Registration is required for each session**</p>	
<p>Part 1: Osteoporosis-Treatment, Management, and Prevention</p>	<p>Provided by a registered nurse discussing what osteoporosis is, the risk factors, diet/supplements, and medications</p> <p>Mondays (1:00-2:00 pm) ** CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>February 1</p>

<p>Part 2: Prevention and Management of Osteoporosis with Exercise</p>	<p>Presented by a physiotherapist discussing the categories of osteoporosis, safety tips, effects and benefits of exercise, fall prevention, posture and demonstration of sample exercises</p> <p>Wednesdays (10:00-11:00 am) ** CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>February 3</p>
<p>Managing Spondyloarthritis</p>	<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>5:30-7:30 pm **CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 14 March 30 May 20</p>

VICTORIA based classes for people with Inflammatory Arthritis or Osteoarthritis

Please **click on the link below to register**. Capacity is limited, you will receive an email once your registration is confirmed. If you are having difficulty with online registration, please call (250) 598-2277 Ext. 0

Class name	Description	Dates	
<p><u>Osteoarthritis</u></p>	<p>Learn what osteoarthritis is and how it affects the body. Discuss treatment and management</p> <p>Tuesdays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 5 Feb 2 Mar 2</p>	<p>Apr 6 May 4 June 1</p>
<p><u>Inflammatory Arthritis</u></p>	<p>Learn about the different types inflammatory arthritis, treatment, and tools for management</p> <p>Thursdays (1:30-3:30 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 21 Mar 18 May 20</p>	
<p><u>Joint Protection of Arms</u></p>	<p>How to protect the joints in the arms and hands while performing everyday tasks</p> <p>Tuesdays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 12 Feb 9 Mar 9</p>	<p>Apr 13 May 11 June 8</p>
<p><u>Joint Protection of Legs</u></p>	<p>How to protect the joints in the hips and knees while performing everyday tasks</p> <p>Tuesdays (1:00-2:30 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Jan 19 Feb 16 Mar 16</p>	<p>Apr 20 May 18 June 15</p>

<u>Exercise and Arthritis</u>	Learn principles of exercising with arthritis. Note: No <i>specific</i> exercises are taught Fridays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Jan 29 Feb 26 Mar 26	Apr 30 May 28 Jun 25
<u>Sleep and Arthritis</u>	Learn ways to better manage sleep Thursdays (11:00-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Feb 11 Mar 11 Apr 8	May 13 June 10
<u>Spine series</u> (3 part series)	Please note: our Spine classes occur as a series. Attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged, but not required		
Spine A	<u>Anatomy:</u> Basic spine anatomy and the effects of arthritis on your back Fridays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Jan 8 Feb 5 Mar 5	Apr 9 May 7 June 4
Spine B	<u>Joint Protection:</u> How to protect your neck and back during everyday activities Fridays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Jan 15 Feb 12 Mar 12	Apr 16 May 14 June 11
Spine C	<u>Self-Management:</u> Discuss treatments and self-management to maintain the function of your spine Fridays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Jan 22 Feb 19 Mar 19	Apr 23 May 21 June 18
<u>Fatigue Management</u>	Discuss factors that affect fatigue. Examine your daily activities and learn to conserve energy Thursdays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Jan 28 Feb 25 Mar 25	Apr 22 May 27 Jun 24
<u>Pain series:</u> (2 part series)	Please note: our Spine classes occur as a series. Attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged, but not required		
Pain A	<u>Understanding Pain:</u> Learn how pain travels from its source to the brain. Use this information to explore pain management strategies Mondays (10:30-12:00 pm) **CLICK HERE to register**	Jan 18 Mar 15 Apr 19	May 17 Jun 21

<p>Pain B</p>	<p><u>Medication and symptom Management:</u> 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 27 Feb 24 April 28</p>	<p>May 26 Jun 23</p>
<p><u>Gardening with Arthritis</u></p>	<p>Learn tips and tricks to help improve gardening with arthritis</p> <p>Thursdays (1:30-3:30 pm)</p> <p>**CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>March 4</p>	
<p><u>Walking More Comfortably</u></p>	<p>Learn about specific features of different shoes and other tips to improve your walking comfort</p> <p>Thursdays (2:00-3:30 pm)</p> <p>**CLICK HERE to register**</p>	<p>Feb 18</p>	

Additional classes based out of OASIS VANCOUVER

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

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