



Hello,

We are a research team funded by CIORA (Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology cAre) and we are interested in the **referral to rheumatologists by physiotherapists in order to enhance access to care for persons with inflammatory arthritis.**

The research team includes physiotherapists, rheumatologists, a family physician and a patient advocate. **Ethical approval** for this project **has been obtained** from the Ethics committee of the Université de Montréal (CERES).

We already conducted an online survey to get physiotherapists and rheumatologists' viewpoint on the subject. Now, we want to organize a **focus group to get your opinion.** The focus group will be composed of 4-8 patients and the main goal is to **help optimize patient care in inflammatory arthritis.**

The focus group will be conducted in person and your participation would be **entirely non-identifying meaning that your name will not appear anywhere.**

The focus group should last between **1-2 hours** and there is a **200\$ compensation** for participating. It would take place between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

If you are **interested in contributing to our research**, send an e-mail with the dates and times that would fit you at the following address: [tatiana.orozco.rodriquez@gmail.com](mailto:tatiana.orozco.rodriquez@gmail.com)

Thank you,

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