

2019 Advocacy & Access Priorities

We surveyed our Advocates and Ambassadors to learn about the biggest challenges they face. Over 1,700 responses were recorded and are informing our Advocacy and Access priorities for 2019.

Top Three Advocate Priorities



Managing chronic pain and multiple chronic conditions



Research for a cure



Access to insurance coverage and providers

Top Arthritis Challenge



Managing chronic pain

Top Access Issues



Financial concerns related to insurance and medications

Our Action Plan

In order to continue working on these priorities, we will empower volunteers to lead the fight against barriers to care and promote action at the state and federal levels.

Expanding State Advocacy

Ensure new protections in law are implemented fully and that patients know their new rights via State of Your Health and additional resources

Reduce barriers to patient access by continuing to build on our more than 100 state legislative victories since 2014

Expand our reach through our network of 150,000 Advocates and 1,000 Ambassadors

Elevating Federal Advocacy

Advocate for legislative and regulatory policies that stabilize the health insurance market and preserve key patient protections under current law

Increase funding for arthritis medical research and public health programs

Reduce federal barriers to patient access and ensure appropriate guardrails for utilization management tools

Build support for legislative solutions that address the rheumatology workforce shortage



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