The CanVasc network

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CanVasc creation

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• **EULAR, UK, Japanese, French guidelines**
  
  Guerry et al. Rheumatology (Oxford) 2011 [Epub ahead of print]  

• **Well-established procedure**

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Studies on vasculitis

- VCRC/ACR
- EUVAS/EULAR
- FVSG

→ Canadian studies
    Observational cohorts
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- CanVasc meeting
- REVISIT program
- Training sessions/materials
- Training of new investigators and fellows
- CanVasc website
- CRA connections

- VF Canada
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• Stand as the Canadian referral group to identify needs in vasculitis and consider new drug approvals for vasculitis in Canada (advisory group).
Canadian referral group

• Patient support group
• Industry
• Drug approval procedures
• Recommendations
  – ORA initiative
• National initiatives
  → international recognition
Funding

• Funding remains an issue and will always…
  – CIHR meeting grant denied: “not original/innovative” (7/12)
  – VF Canada
  – Industry
CanVasc
2nd core member meeting

Failure is not an option!