



## CSPA and CAPP announce exciting new steps in their relationship

For the last 10 years the Canadian Skin Patient Alliance (CSPA) and the Canadian Association of Psoriasis Patients (CAPP) have shared a unique partnership. Both are distinct organizations and operate independently, however they have had a shared staffing model. Rachael Manion worked for both the CSPA and CAPP as their Executive Director, and Helen Crawford worked as the Communications Manager for both.

This shared staffing model has provided many benefits to the organizations over the years, including collaborations on select initiatives and has allowed both CSPA and CAPP to successfully grow into strong, reputable patient-centred organizations.

With that in mind, we are announcing today that both CSPA and CAPP have made the decision to step away from this shared staffing model and become separate in their operations.

*“This development reflects the growth and maturation of the two organizations. By moving to a dedicated staffing model, the CSPA will benefit from having Rachael’s attention singularly focused on its initiatives going forward. I want to thank our colleagues at CAPP for the very positive relationship we’ve enjoyed over the years and wish Helen all the best in her exciting new role there.” - Jeff Losch, Chair of the CSPA.*

As such Rachael Manion will remain with the Canadian Skin Patient Alliance as their full-time Executive Director. She will continue to be reached at [executivedirector@canadianskin.ca](mailto:executivedirector@canadianskin.ca). CAPP wishes to thank Rachael for all her hard work the last 3 years to bring CAPP to a point that this separation is possible.

Helen Crawford, who has been with the CSPA since 2011 and CAPP since 2012, will be the new Programs Manager with the Canadian Association of Psoriasis Patients. She will continue the work of CAPP on behalf of psoriasis patients and her new email address will be [helen@canadianpsoriasis.ca](mailto:helen@canadianpsoriasis.ca). The CSPA would like to thank Helen for all her dedication over the last 11 ½ years and wishes her well in her new role with CAPP.

*“On behalf of the board directors, we would like to thank Rachael for all the work she has done to advance CAPP’s mission and vision. Although we are sad to see her leave our organization, we are confident that she’ll continue to provide excellent leadership at CSPA. It has been a pleasure working with Rachael and she will be missed. We are also delighted to continue working with and supporting Helen in her new role, as she has been with CAPP since its inception. We look forward to continuing our work of serving Canadians affected by psoriatic disease and building new bonds with CSPA.” – Christian Boisvert-Huneault, t.r.o., B.Sc., CAPP chair.*

CSPA and CAPP look forward to continued collaborations on future projects where appropriate and will support each other during this transition.