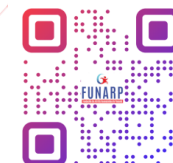




## Highlights

# Fundación Nacional de Artritis Reumatoidea de Panamá

Founded in 2004





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## History

- 2022 ● Creation of first patient-centered mobile app for keeping track of salient KPI for RA patients
- 2021 ● Achieved the prioritization of vaccination against COVID with the Pfizer vaccine for patients with rheumatic diseases
- 2018 ● Joined PANLAR as a guest speaker
- 2009 ● Legally established as an NGO in Panama, recognized by the Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Finance.
- 2004 ● Foundation created by patients for patients and with the guidance of senior RA specialist.

## Our North



Vision

Non-profit organization dedicated to educating, guiding, raising awareness, supporting, and ensuring the welfare of people with rheumatic diseases in Panama so that they have timely medical care and access to the best treatments that allow them to have a better quality of life.



Mission

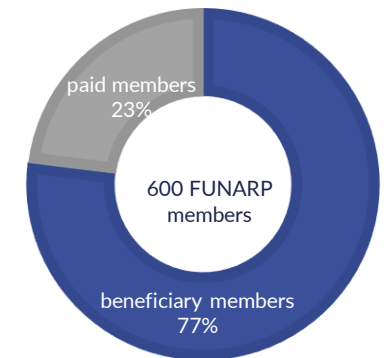
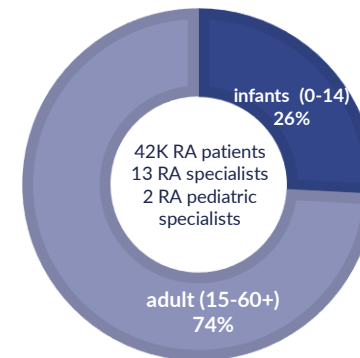
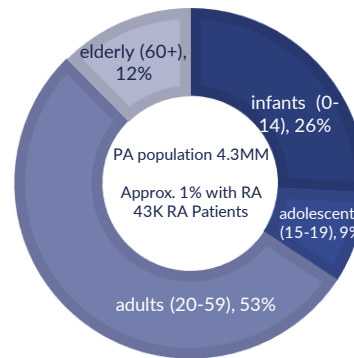
To be the foundation leader advocating for people with rheumatic diseases, fighting for access and universal health coverage in Panama so that no one is misdiagnosed or disabled due to these diseases.



Goals

Organize educational courses, conferences, and seminars for patients, their families, caregivers, health professionals, and the general public.

## 2022 - RA in Panama





*Helping patients  
with rheumatic  
diseases have a  
quality of life*

How we thrive



# Looking back

FUNARP's achievements are due to the teamwork of all its members, the board of directors, volunteers, and contributions from partners and donors that have been key to implementing projects that improved the quality of life of its members.

It has also achieved national recognition through invitations to commissions and committees in health decision-making bodies.

## Our people



Deserve better healthcare



# Achievements

Direct participation in the process to include biotech drugs into the social security system. In this process, rheumatologists make requests for medicines, and FUNARP, through active participation in public policy advocacy, managed etanercept and adalimumab enter the official list of medicines of the Social

Security Fund

Led the legalization of medical cannabis since 2019, actively participating in consultative committees in the legislative body of Panama, actively exposing the need of patients with chronic pain, including articles that are part of Law 242 of October 13, 2021, as well as in the regulation of this through Executive Decree 121 of September 1, 2022



**Since 2010**

Successfully procured health programs to provide biotech medicines to patients without coverage in the Social Security Fund program (low-income patients who obtain their medical care in facilities run by the Ministry of Health)



Permanent member of the High-Level Commission for the Improvement of the Health System (CAN) - body created by Executive Decree 214 of May 2012, as an advisor to the Ministry of Health.

This commission, after intense work, delivered recommendations to the President of Panama, consigned in a document called "White Book"



Principal position with voice and vote in the Commission for Critical Drug Shortage, the National Observatory of Medicines, and the Commission of Non-substitutable Medicines.

All these instances are run by the Ministry of Health. It also participates in the main role with the right to speak in the Commission of Evaluation of the Processes of Purchase of Medicines of the Social Security Fund.



# Achievements



Founder member of BioRedCAC Foundation, which is an umbrella organization that brings together 50 patient organizations in Central America and the Caribbean.



Permanent member of the Technical Council of Medicinal Cannabis which participates in the development of educational, social, and training policies for patients, families, physicians, and society to ensure access to cannabis for medicinal and therapeutic purposes as a scientific alternative and as a right of every patient to receive treatment.

Direct participation in the formation of the Rare Diseases Network of Panama (REDER).

Main participation and patient representative with voice and vote in the Technical Commission of Medicines led by the Vice President of Panama. Commission created in Feb'22 to promote concrete actions for improvement of the medicine supply processes in the country through the Ministry of Health and the Social Security Fund.

Key achievement: automation and control of the process of reception and delivery of medicines in the Social Security Fund. Through this automation, it will be possible to have real consumption figures that will allow for better medicine purchases.

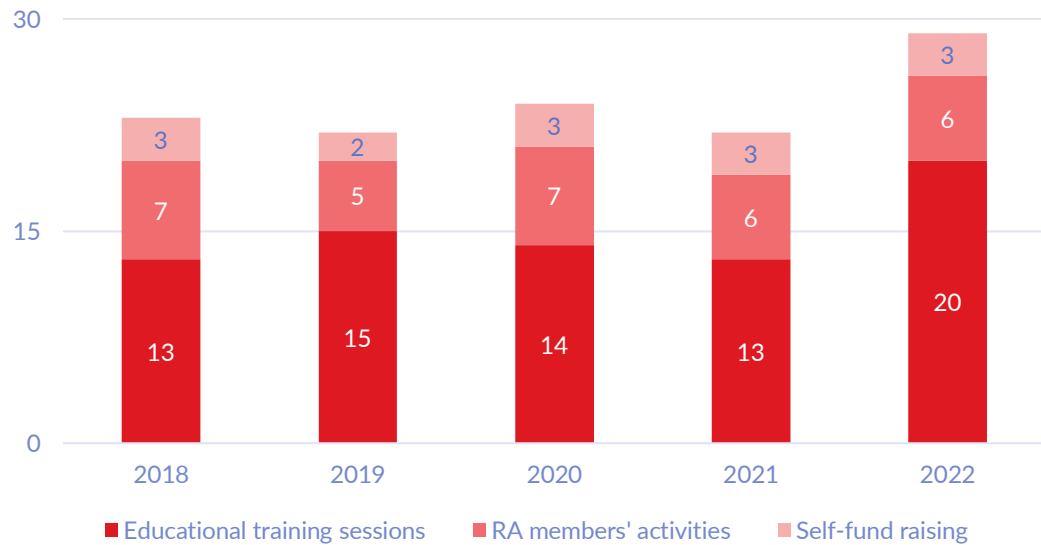
Creation of the first medical-patient congress in Panama where rheumatologists updated first-level physicians (general and pediatric) on rheumatic diseases.

Second generation of "Expert Patients".



# Education - our cornerstone

Continuous onsite and online education courses, seminars, and workshops focused on the five fundamental pillars for the control of RA



**Pillar 5**  
Mental health



**Pillar 4**  
Nutrition



**Pillar 3**  
Joint hygiene through physical exercise



**Pillar 2**  
Care with a specialist in rheumatology and promotion of adherence to treatment



**Pillar 1**  
Early diagnosis and timely treatment





It's not how much we  
give but how much  
love we put into giving

**Thank you!**

