



NHCC

NEUROLOGICAL HEALTH CHARITIES CANADA

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TOWARDS A POPULATION LEVEL NEUROLOGICAL HEALTH STUDY

A decade after the first population health study on neurological conditions in Canada the opportunity to revisit and refresh the data exists to inform decision-making about resources and policies that influence the health and well being of the individuals, families, and systems impacted. Aging, diversity, emerging trends in the research, diagnosis, and treatment, as well as the realities of a post-pandemic society have evolved the need for an improved understanding about the neurological health of Canadians and their need for support.

DATA MATTERS

In 2008 NHCC lead the first Canadian health study of neurological conditions in Canada receiving \$15M to complete the ground-breaking report Mapping Connections. Released in 2014 and still in use by Public Health Agency of Canada as part of its chronic disease surveillance guidelines and criteria and by Health Canada today, Mapping Connections informs decision-making on policy and investments.

The economic impacts of neurological disease reach further into Canadian society as family members provide unpaid caregiving services to support loved ones affecting their own relationships, livelihoods, and health the impacts of which are only beginning to be understood.

[Mapping Connections: An understanding of neurological conditions in Canada - Canada.ca](#)

PRE-PLANNING AND ADVOCACY WORK

NHCC is embarking on an ambitious new path advocating on behalf of the millions of Canadians and their families to **update population level health data on the incidence, prevalence, and the impacts of neurological conditions in Canadian society** to improve the wellbeing of those affected. NHCC is seeking allies in government among elected MPs, those appointed to influential positions within government, and other respected and influential leaders within the public and charitable sectors to help strengthen our position. A Strategic Priorities Working Group of NHCC is in place as of Spring, 2024 to guide this work.

ABOUT NHCC

Neurological Health Charities Canada (NHCC) is a member-based coalition comprised of fourteen neurological health charities advocating on behalf of people with brain diseases, disorders, and injuries in Canada. NHCC convenes like-minded organizations with objectives to learn, improve programming, and enhance their ability to deliver effectively on mission-critical objectives. Collectively, these conditions represent one of the leading causes of disability in Canada.

MEMBERSHIP IN NHCC

NHCC provides advocacy leadership on important issues affecting people with brain conditions, enabling all member organizations to participate in advocacy efforts as a strong, coordinated voice on brain health issues to government, politicians, and policy advisors. By acting as a conduit for organizations that are focused on brain health, NHCC convenes leaders from like-mandated organizations supporting learning, collaboration, and opportunities to enhance delivery of mission-critical objectives. NHCC invites other charities and non-profit organizations concerned about brain health to join us to build on our past successes and transform the lives of Canadians affected by all brain conditions.

For more information on how to apply contact: info@mybrainmatters.ca

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Brain Injury Canada, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, Canadian Epilepsy Alliance, Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation, Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation, Dystonia Medical Research Foundation of Canada, GBS/ CIDP Foundation of Canada, GBS/ CIDP Foundation of Canada, Huntington Society of Canada, Hydrocephalus Canada, March of Dimes Canada, National ME/FM Action Network, Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy, Ontario Rett Syndrome Association

Neurological Disease, Disorder, or Brain Injury in Canada



3.6 M Canadians



18 brain conditions



\$13.3 B growth in health care costs by 2031

ref: 2014
Figures/Estimates