

Mapping Connections

An understanding of neurological conditions in Canada



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The National Population Health Study of Neurological Conditions

The National Population Health Study of Neurological Conditions was jointly undertaken by Neurological Health Charities Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada from 2009-2013 to address the lack of information about neurological conditions in Canada and to understand the impact neurological conditions have on affected individuals, their families and the health care system.

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The study successfully engaged people with neurological conditions, caregivers, health charities, public policy leaders and over 130 academic and clinical investigators in Canada's first-ever population health study of neurological conditions, marking an unprecedented level of collaboration across fields, professions, jurisdictions, conditions, and interests, and generating a new level of understanding of the scope and impacts of neurological conditions on individuals, families and society overall.



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How are neurological conditions impacting Canadians?

- Neurological conditions have been estimated to affect 3.6 million Canadians living in the community and 170,000 living in long-term care facilities.
- Living with a neurological condition can seriously compromise an individual's quality of life and that of their family, due to negative impacts on mental and general health, work status, and financial security.
- Neurological conditions can result in significant out-of-pocket health care expenses, limitations on regular activities, and feelings of stigmatization.
- Some of the most common neurological conditions increase with age. The number of people facing these challenges is predicted to rise as Canada's population ages and grows.
- Understanding the issues at a population level can help many Canadians, regardless of condition.

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