



Reaching the Un-Diagnosed Dystonia Awareness Month 2017

THE CHALLENGE: People living with dystonia symptoms continue to be frequently, and sometimes repeatedly, misdiagnosed. This delays proper treatment and prolongs unnecessary suffering.

You can help the DMRF Canada locate these individuals and guide them to information and support. Awareness efforts in 2017 will focus on reaching individuals who may be living with undiagnosed dystonia symptoms by partnering with healthcare offices, and simultaneously making these healthcare professionals aware of dystonia and DMRF resources.

Become a Dystonia Awareness Ambassador!

CALL TO ACTION: Invite local medical/healthcare offices to display dystonia awareness materials in their waiting rooms during Dystonia Awareness Month, September 2017.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Identify medical/healthcare offices where patients may be seeking help for undiagnosed dystonia symptoms. These include general neurologists, child neurologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, chiropractors, ophthalmologists, speech pathologists, and dentists.
2. Identify the office manager for each location. Call or visit the office to explain that September is Dystonia Awareness Month and ask if the office would be willing to have a small display of dystonia awareness materials in their waiting room throughout September.
3. If the office manager is open to displaying dystonia related materials, please drop off some brochures and posters (the DMRF Canada will ensure these materials will be provided to you).

QUESTIONS? Contact the DMRF Canada at info@dystoniacanada.org or 800-361-8061.

BONUS: DOES YOUR MOVEMENT DISORDER SPECIALIST HAVE DYSTONIA INFORMATION IN THEIR WAITING ROOM? IF NOT, BE SURE TO CONTACT THE OFFICE MANAGER AND INCLUDE THEM IN THE CAMPAIGN.