

TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE



FOR 50,000 CANADIANS LIVING WITH DYSTONIA

Dystonia is a neurological movement disorder that causes involuntary muscle contractions, tremors, and twisting movements.

It can affect any part of the body and disrupt daily life with pain, uncertainty, and isolation.

ABOUT US

The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation was founded in 1976 by Samuel and Frances Belzberg of Vancouver after their daughter was diagnosed with generalized dystonia. Dystonia Medical Research Foundation Canada (DMRF Canada) is a registered non-profit Canadian charity governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, and we now mark 50 years of advancing research, education, and support for the dystonia community.



— Ashley, mother of a child diagnosed at age two.

**IT IS PAINFUL.
IT IS ISOLATING.
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A MOTHER'S STORY

“During my search, I was relieved to discover DMRF Canada. Knowing there was a community of other parents like me, supporting children like Fletcher, I was immediately motivated to do everything I could to further their mission to support research and a cure.”

**WATCH HOW
DYSTONIA
CHANGES
LIVES**



FACTS ABOUT DYSTONIA

- More than 50,000 Canadians live with dystonia.
- Despite treatment, 45% experience moderate-to-severe disability.
- 60% identify chronic pain as one of their greatest challenges.
- Some wait up to 10 years for an accurate diagnosis.

Source: DMRF Canada (2025). The 2025 Dystonia Canada Survey Key Findings

DYSTONIA MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (DMRF) CANADA

SCAN TO HELP



Charitable Registration Number:
12661 6598 RR001

OUR MISSION

The mission of DMRF Canada is to advance research for more treatments and ultimately a cure; to promote awareness and education; and to support the needs and well-being of affected individuals and families.

FOR 5 DECADES, DMRF CANADA HAS ADVANCED RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND PATIENT SUPPORT NATIONWIDE.

- 01** Support patients and families, through education and community programs
- 02** Invest in specialist training to reduce diagnosis delays and improve care
- 03** Fund critical research, to develop better treatments and move toward a cure

HOW
DMRF CANADA
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

\$50 provides educational resources to a newly diagnosed family searching for answers.

\$250 supports a national patient education program.

\$1,000 contributes to training the next generation of movement disorder specialists.

EVERY GIFT MATTERS

WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS NOW

Dystonia is underrecognized and underfunded. Diagnosis can take years.

Access to treatment is limited, and without community support, these gaps will persist.

Investment today shortens delays, improves care, and advances research.

To learn more, visit: www.dystoniacanada.org/ways-help

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