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## Refusal to test: Many people fear problems if disease risk found

*Canada is the only G7 country that does not have laws preventing discrimination by insurers*

Vancouver Sun, May 6, 2014

“(Parents) are frustrated and they want an answer to be found, they would love to participate, but at the moment in Canada there is no protection after genetic testing,” says Ronald Cohn, chief of clinical and metabolic genetics at Toronto’s Hospital for Sick Children. The spectre of Huntington disease nearly ended Brynne Stainsby’s career as a chiropractor before it could begin. Not because she has it — she doesn’t — but because she might get it.

As a fresh graduate starting a business, Stainsby needed to obtain disability insurance to set up her practice.

To read the full story, click [here](#).

## 10 ways to get people talking about Huntington disease

Thanks to our volunteers across Canada we are raising awareness! May is Huntington Disease Awareness Month. During this time, we dedicate ourselves to increasing our efforts to educate more Canadians about Huntington disease (HD), the impact of the disease, and how genetic fairness is an important factor for those who are affected by HD and also for every Canadian.

Find out how you can help. Check out the top 10 ways to help the Society raise awareness this May. Help spread the word about HD. Learn about what is happening and what you can do for HD Awareness Month. Click [here](#) for the full article.

**YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

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## IN THE NEWS!

### Mentors hope to help families coping with Huntington’s

CBC News- May 7, 2014

The Huntington Society of Canada hopes others will help by offering advice and support. A Halifax woman whose father died just two months ago from a debilitating brain disorder is hoping she can help others through her experience dealing with Huntington disease. Read the whole story [here](#).

### Wawota’s Fourth Annual Walk for a Cure

The Observer - May 2, 2014

On Friday, April 25, a group of women came together to walk through Wawota to raise awareness for Huntington disease (HD) with a Fourth Annual Walk for the Cure. For the whole story, click [here](#).

### Could HD be caused by amino acid deficiency?

HDBuzz, April 21, 2014

All the proteins in our body are made of tiny chemical building blocks, called amino acids. The internet was recently buzzing about a newly discovered link between one of these amino acids, cysteine, and Huntington disease. Is it true, as some headlines suggested, that “Brain Degeneration In Huntington’s Disease Caused By Amino Acid Deficiency”? Click [here](#) for the full article.

## WATCH OUT FOR OUR SPRING CHALLENGE!

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