

Interested in Participating in a Survey?

A Survey on the Effects of Presymptomatic Testing in

Huntington Disease:

This survey is part of a research study that determines what effect presymptomatic testing in HD has on familial and romantic relationships.

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Physician's Guide

HSC has published the 3rd edition of *A Physician's Guide to the Management of Huntington Disease*, with the assistance of HDSA.

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Multi-Disciplinary Clinics in Canada

What is a HD Multi-disciplinary Clinic?

A multi-disciplinary clinic is comprised of health care professionals who provide overall care for individuals living with this complex, devastating disease. Health care professionals can include, but are not limited to, a Neurologist, Psychiatrist, Physiotherapist, Psychologist, Social Worker, Dietician, Registered Nurse, etc.

One of the more effective ways to support individuals who are living with, or who are at-risk of, HD is through multi-disciplinary care. While there have been limited advances in treatments, either symptomatic or disease progression, multi-disciplinary care offers ongoing support from the time of diagnosis and throughout the disease process.

International research shows that multi-disciplinary care plays a key role during the transitions of the disease, and in finding community based resources and supportive medical care. Many of these clinics are active in clinical and observational research with Canadian and international research groups.

Multi-disciplinary Clinic Locations across Canada

Maritimes

Halifax, NS: The HD Multi-disciplinary Clinic is located at the Halifax QEII Health Services Centre. It is a monthly, half-day clinic serving Nova Scotia and the other Maritime provinces. The clinic assists in coordinating health services for individuals with HD, monitoring the care they receive and providing follow-up appointments with appropriate health professionals (psychiatry, neurology, genetics and social work) in a timely manner.

St John's, NFLD: The newest HD Clinic, at the Dr. Leonard A Miller Centre, is held three times a year and brings multi-disciplinary care (neurology, psychiatry, genetics, physiotherapy and social work) to people with HD from the province of Newfoundland.

Ontario

North Bay, ON: The Centre for Movement Disorders bring specialist resources (neurologist, genetic nurse, social worker) closer to those living in northern Ontario. The clinics are conducted annually onsite in the Sturgeon Falls, North Bay and Sudbury areas with follow up via telehealth videoconferencing services. Outreach and technology allow this innovative model to be possible.

Toronto, ON: The HD Clinic is located in North York General Hospital and operates twice a month. This clinic has developed a strong linkage between genetics, neurology, neuropsychiatry, and HSC social workers; recognizing the importance for genetic testing as an important step along the journey with HD.

Ottawa, ON: Located at The Ottawa Hospital, Civic Campus, the Movement Disorders Clinic sees clients with HD on a regular basis within the clinic. The medical professionals (including neurology) and the hospital Social Worker, link with the HSC Resource Centre Director to provide seamless support.

London, ON: Monthly HD clinics are held at the London Health Sciences Centre. The HSC Family Services Worker works with the neurologist, psychiatrist and medical staff, to assist people on-site to provide them with information and link them to additional community based resources.

Manitoba

Winnipeg, MB: The Manitoba HD Resource Centre is integrated into the Movement Disorder Clinic in Winnipeg. Quality individual patient care is the primary goal of the clinic team. The clinic offers a wide-range of disciplines including neurology, speech language pathology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietician, genetic counselling and HSC social work. The clinic assists in coordinating health services for individuals with HD, monitoring the care they receive and providing follow-up appointments with appropriate health professionals.

Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, SK: This HD clinic has one of the few Movement Disorder Specialists in Saskatchewan, as a member of the care team. Individuals are seen in each medical specialist's office at the Royal University Hospital. Clinics are held monthly and, for ease of access, appointments are coordinated with each medical department to ensure families can see the neurologist, psychiatrist, dietician and social worker all on the same day. This clinic has begun to use telehealth videoconferencing to provide outreach to those living in remote areas.

Alberta

Edmonton AB: The Movement Disorder Clinic is now located in the Kaye Edmonton Clinic. It is a monthly clinic that provides separate appointments with medical specialists. The clinic provides assessments, diagnosis and treatment for individuals with HD and services Northern Alberta. Individuals and families are provided with ongoing support and are referred to the HSC Northern Alberta Resource Centre for assistance.

Calgary, AB: The Calgary Movement Disorders Clinic is located at the Health Sciences Centre at Foothills Medical Centre. While the clinic is multi-disciplinary, some services are located at other local facilities such as the Presymptomatic Testing Clinic, which is located at the Alberta Children's Hospital. The HSC social worker provides support and follow up based on referrals from the clinic.

British Columbia

Vancouver, BC: The Centre for HD, one of the longest standing clinics in Canada, serves the entire province of British Columbia. Individuals and families meet with members of the medical team; in turn the team provides assistance to the family physician to ensure the best care possible for the patient with HD. The clinic offers a wide-range of disciplines including neurology, speech language pathology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietician, genetic counselling and HSC social work. This clinic operates on a weekly basis to respond to the large demand for services.

Note: The HSC Family Services team works closely and coordinates efforts with additional neurologists with an HD specialty in Markham, Ontario; Ottawa, Ontario, and in Edmonton, Alberta at the University of Alberta.

