



Who are we?

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is the Government of Canada's agency for health research. CIHR's mission is to create new scientific knowledge and to catalyze its translation into improved health, more effective health services and products, and a strengthened Canadian health-care system. Composed of 13 Institutes, CIHR provides leadership and support to more than 13,000 health researchers and trainees across Canada.

CIHR consists of 13 "virtual" Institutes, a structure that is unique in the world. These innovative Institutes bring together all partners in the research process - the people who fund research, those who carry it out and those who use its results - to share ideas and focus on what Canadians need: good health and the means to prevent disease and fight it when it happens. Each institute supports a broad spectrum of research in its topic areas and, in consultation with its stakeholders, sets priorities for research in those areas.

CIHR Institutes:

- Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health
- Institute of Aging
- Institute of Cancer Research
- Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health
- Institute of Gender and Health
- Institute of Genetics
- Institute of Health Services and Policy Research
- Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health
- Institute of Infection and Immunity
- Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis
- Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction
- Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes
- Institute of Population and Public Health

How can CIHR media relations help you?

We provide fast access to health research experts, story ideas, background information and facts. If you already have a story, but need an expert or a Canadian angle, we can help. CIHR-funded researchers are active in all health sciences fields, and our experts and scientific directors can speak with authority on the latest health developments and issues. Whether you seek an explanation, background information or a great quote, our media specialist is available to help you get in contact with the right expert.

Want to learn more, or be in the loop for the latest developments? Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter or visit our newsroom to get breaking news on CIHR-funded research.

Did you know?

- CIHR is part of an innovative partnership program between Canada and California to advance cancer stem cell research. Two multi-disciplinary teams composed of Canadian and Californian stem cell researchers were recently awarded up to \$80 million over a four-year period through this initiative.
- CIHR is at the forefront of two major international research efforts:
 - **Global Health Research Initiative:** CIHR is a founding partner, along with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). The Initiative supports research

projects involving Canada working closely with researchers from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

- **Global Alliance for Chronic Disease:** An international consortium of health organizations, which collectively manage an estimated 80% of all public health research funding worldwide.
- In addition to being prominent in Canadian international policy, the U.S. is an important source of research collaboration. U.S. researchers are by far the largest international group participating with Canadians on CIHR grants. Many CIHR Institutes collaborate with the National Institutes of Health.
- CIHR is a key player in the **Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative (CHVI)**, a partnership between the Government of Canada and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that supports a coordinated contribution to global efforts to accelerate the development of a safe, effective, affordable and globally accessible HIV vaccine.
- CIHR has established an **International Collaborative Research Strategy for Alzheimer's Disease (ICRSAD)** to address this major public health concern in Canada and other countries through a strategic and collaborative global effort.

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