

The Huntington Society of Canada is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 Clinical Fellowships.

HSC 2026 Neurology Fellowship Recipient: Dr. Rowshanak Afshar

Site: Movement Disorders Centre at The Ottawa Hospital

Thank you to Dr. Mark Guttman, Lesley Simpson, and all our supporters for making this program possible.

Bio: Dr. Rowshanak Afshar, MD, PhD, completed her adult neurology residency at the University of Manitoba with advanced training in family medicine and chronic disease research. She earned her MD abroad before coming to Canada, completed a PhD at the University of British Columbia focused on chronic disease management and patient-centered care, and later trained in family medicine at UBC before transitioning to neurology. She has pursued specialized clinical and research experiences in movement disorders across Canada, including Toronto and Winnipeg. Her current focus is on movement disorders, particularly Huntington disease, an area in which she aims to combine longitudinal, whole-person clinical care with research to improve quality of life for patients and families.

What is the Clinical Fellowship Program? The Clinical Fellowship enables more neurologists to have an HD practice in Canada by encouraging promising young doctors to specialize in Huntington disease. This will help ensure that the day-to-day management of HD is accessible and available to all Canadians.



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2026 Clinical Movement Disorders Fellowship: Dr. Blanche Perraud

Site: University College London Movement Disorders Clinic

Funded by: Parkinson Canada, Huntington Society of Canada, and Dystonia Medical Research Foundation of Canada

Bio: Dr. Blanche Perraud, MD, completed her senior adult neurology residency at Université de Sherbrooke and has a strong academic background in neuroscience. She completed undergraduate and master's training in biomedical sciences and neuroscience at Université de Montréal, followed by medical school and neurology residency training in Québec. She has focused clinical and research experience in movement disorders, including neurogenetics and hyperkinetic syndromes, and will complete a movement disorders fellowship abroad at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (University College London). Her current focus is on improving care for individuals with complex movement disorders, particularly Huntington disease, through multidisciplinary, patient-centred clinical practice and engagement with emerging therapies.

What is the Clinical Movement Disorders Fellowship? Parkinson Canada, Dystonia Medical Research Foundation of Canada, and the Huntington Society of Canada are pleased to launch the Clinical Movement Disorders Joint Fellowship Program. This collaborative initiative represents an alliance among Canada's leading movement disorder organizations, working together to address the critical shortage of specialized clinicians trained in the comprehensive care of complex neurological conditions.



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