

# What is Huntington disease?

Huntington disease, or HD, is a genetic brain disorder that gets worse over time and affects **movement, emotions, and thinking**. It is said to be like having aspects of ALS, schizophrenia, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's disease, all at once.

About **1 in every 7,000** Canadians has HD and approximately 1 in every 5,500 is at-risk of developing the disease.

Each child of a parent with HD has a **50% chance** of inheriting the disease and is said to be at-risk.

Symptoms usually appear between the **ages of 35 and 55**, but the disease can appear in youth (Juvenile HD) or older adults (Late-Onset HD). Symptoms vary from person to person and at different stages of the disease.



Our vision is a world free from Huntington disease.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals and families facing HD by delivering support services and enabling others to understand the disease.

We also fund research that looks at stopping or slowing the progression of the disease.

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