At the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), we believe that supporting innovative research and facilitating knowledge translation (turning findings into improved practices, products and policies) means better health for Canadians, a better health care system and a stronger economy.

**What drives us?**

We are driven to ensure that Canadians have access to the best health services and health outcomes possible. We are driven to be a leader in world-class research and to work with partners to achieve this goal.

We believe that research leads to better health outcomes for Canadians, a more efficient and effective health care system, and a sustained competitive advantage for Canada.

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**What does CIHR do?**

We offer funding for research that will be translated into practical solutions. This includes collaborative projects for the health, environment and economic sectors. We also provide financial support for research infrastructure and to train and prepare the next generation of researchers.

We believe in making research relevant and understandable to all Canadians. Our goal is to ensure that Canadians have the knowledge they need to lead healthier and more productive lives.

We are working to help Canadians meet their health needs, when and where they need them. And we may do this through the commercialization of discoveries to make a new product or service available.

**Patient-oriented research**

Health professionals and decision makers need solid evidence on how to treat and prevent diseases. Research that is patient-oriented provides people with the best information to help them make informed decisions about their health. It focuses on answering questions that are relevant to patients.

**Knowledge translation**

CIHR strives to ensure that the research conducted by Canadians is translated into practice to improve health outcomes. It works to ensure that knowledge from research is effectively used and translated into practice.

**Global Health Research Initiatives**

CIHR helps Canadian researchers to global health leaders to build capacity, support the development of international networks and implement innovative policies and programs to address global health challenges.

**Making mental health a priority**

Mental illness affects millions of Canadians each year. We support initiatives that help Canadians to understand mental health conditions, and to promote initiatives that are designed to improve the quality of life for many Canadians.

**Addressing the Alzheimer’s challenge**

Alzheimer's disease already affects 300,000 Canadians, slowly but surely, and every decade, the number of Canadians living with Alzheimer's disease grows.

**Collaborative Research Strategy for Alzheimer's Disease**

CIHR is making strategic investments to build upon the most advanced Alzheimer's research initiatives in the world. The stigmas and barriers associated with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias are formidable, but there are many opportunities to advance research to improve the health and well-being of millions of Canadians.

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