POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

The Government of Newfoundland & Labrador has played a leading role in supporting spinal cord injury (SCI) research and best practices in the province by providing critical investments and creating the Newfoundland & Labrador Neurotrauma Initiative. This support has distinguished Canada as a leader in medical research, treatment and care for people living with SCI.

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TANGIBLE PROGRESS

The Rick Hansen Institute connects scientists, researchers, surgeons and practitioners to acquire and translate research findings into practical solutions.

31 Canadian facilities and three global sites engaged in knowledge transfer.

A nation-wide clinical research and data collection infrastructure, led by RHI, has been implemented in every major Canadian medical facility treating traumatic SCIs. Two sites are in development in Newfoundland & Labrador at General Hospital - Health Sciences Centre and the L.A. Miller Rehab Centre, both in St. John’s.

- New national standards for SCI care are being developed in partnership with Accreditation Canada - AN INTERNATIONAL FIRST.
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52% of RHI projects have demonstrably influenced further research.

31% of RHI projects have demonstrably benefitted clinical practice in Newfoundland & Labrador, and Canada.

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