POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

The Government of Prince Edward Island and our partners have played a leading role in supporting spinal cord injury (SCI) research and best practices in the province by providing critical investments and services. This support has distinguished Canada as a leader in medical research, treatment and care for people living with SCI.

THE NUMBERS

140 days
Median length of hospital stay and rehabilitation for individuals with SCI. Required care is highly specialized and hugely complex.

$15 million
Estimated annual amount that spinal cord injuries cost the Government of Prince Edward Island in health care and support costs. As the population ages and more serious injuries occur from falls, these costs will increase dramatically.

190 residents
Estimated number of PEI residents living with traumatic spinal cord injuries, with more than six new injuries occurring every year.
The Rick Hansen Institute connects scientists, researchers, surgeons and practitioners to acquire and translate research findings into practical solutions.

2,100+ Canadians with SCI have enrolled in The Rick Hansen Spinal Cord Injury Registry, with 60 participants being added each month. Residents of PEI with SCI receive acute care in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

500 clinical and research team members have been engaged in 68 RHI translational research and best practices implementation projects.

52% of RHI projects have demonstrably influenced further research

31% of RHI projects have demonstrably benefitted clinical practice in PEI, and Canada.

20% improvement in outcomes and reduction in impairment demonstrated after early surgical intervention, based on results from the RHI-supported clinical trial Surgical Treatment for Acute Spinal Cord Injury Study (STASCIS).

- New national standards for SCI care are being developed in partnership with Accreditation Canada - AN INTERNATIONAL FIRST.
- RHI is examining the feasibility of an Internet Pressure Ulcer Clinic. Using the Internet to connect patients with pressure ulcers to remote specialists, Telehealth initiatives such as this one are providing EXPERT HEALTH CARE to all locations in Canada.

$182,226 invested by the Rick Hansen Foundation and the Rick Hansen Institute for research and quality of life projects in PEI.

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