At the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), we believe that research has the power to change lives. As the federal agency that stewards Canada’s health research strategy, we work collaboratively with our partners and researchers to set priorities and find solutions to health care challenges. Through our investments in world-class research, CIHR is improving the health of Canadians and people around the world.

What drives us

We invest in all areas of health research and award funding to researchers across the country. CIHR values some of the key aspects of our activities and relationships. We believe in:

- Fairness
- Collaboration
- Integrity
- Innovation
- Leadership
- Excellence
- Inclusion

What drives us to change lives. As the federal agency that stewards Canada’s health research strategy, CIHR is committed to improving the health of Canadians and people around the world.

We increase our understanding of multiple, co-existing chronic conditions, and supports integrated solutions that enable Canadians to continue to participate actively in society.

Supporting innovation

CIHR supports talented researchers pursuing cutting-edge scientific discoveries, for the benefit of Canadians and people throughout the world.

Improved patient outcomes

CIHR accelerates the discovery, development, evaluation, and integration of health innovations into practice so that patients realize the full benefits at the right time.

Health and wellness for Indigenous peoples

CIHR supports the health and wellness goals of Indigenous peoples through investment in research, shared leadership and the establishment of culturally sensitive policies and interventions.

Health promotion and disease prevention

CIHR takes a proactive approach to understanding and addressing the causes of ill health, and to supporting physical and mental wellness at the individual, population, and system levels.

The treatment of chronic conditions

CIHR focuses on the health priorities that are important to Canadians.