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Appearance before the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights on Bill S-201, *An Act to Prohibit and Prevent Genetic Discrimination, The Genetic Non-Discrimination Act*

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, October 2, 2014

The Canadian Senate is holding hearings into banning genetic discrimination. Daniel Therrien, Privacy Commissioner of Canada, spoke in support of genetic fairness: "Bill S-201 recognizes the overriding societal benefits of protecting applicants' right to privacy and of providing all persons with insurance coverage regardless of their genetic heritage." For his full statement, click [here](#).

New industry code on genetic testing adopted by life and health insurers leaves Canadians exposed

CCGF Media Release, September 26, 2014

"The Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association released a new Industry Code on Genetic Testing Information for Insurance Underwriting for all of its member life and health insurance companies. This new industry code does not address the concerns of Canadians who fear discrimination by insurance companies due to their genetic make-up." For the full media release, click [here](#).

Terminally ill daughter "always smiling"

Brockville Recorder, September 13, 2014

"Erin Wade, now 22, began showing signs of a neurological condition when she was just 17. The young, bright-eyed woman would soon be diagnosed with a terminal condition known as Huntington disease." For the full story, click [here](#).

Amaryllis Photo Festival!

Submit your favourite Amaryllis photo to amaryllis@huntingtonsociety.ca for a chance to feature your photo on the Amaryllis banner on the HSC website! Click [here](#) for full contest details.



Please join us for another beautiful year of Inspiring Hope.

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10th Annual CHDI HD Therapeutics Conference

SAVE THE DATE!

February 23-26, 2015
The Parker Hotel
Palm Springs, California

Registration will open in November

UPCOMING HSC EVENTS

There are a lot of exciting events coming up. Visit our website to see what is happening in your area!
For upcoming events visit www.huntingtonsociety.ca/events/

HD RESEARCH NEWS

Melatonin alterations in Huntington disease help explain trouble with sleep

HDBuzz, October 7, 2014

Many people with Huntington disease have problems sleeping. Sleep-wake cycles are controlled in part by melatonin, a hormone that makes you drowsy at bedtime. Scientists in London measured melatonin levels in HD patients, gene carriers, and unaffected individuals and found changes in the levels and timing of melatonin release. Click [here](#) for the full article.

Going toe-to-toe with tau: new insights into the chemical basis of Huntington disease

HDBuzz, September 13, 2014

We know that the cause of Huntington disease is a genetic change, resulting in a harmful protein: mutant huntingtin. But other proteins can get dragged into the fray and contribute to the problems faced by HD-affected cells. Click [here](#) for the full article.



For more information about the program and how to become a mentor or mentee, please contact the Youth Mentorship Coordinator: mentorship@huntingtonsociety.ca
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