

CHAPTER INFORMATION

Vancouver Chapter

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HSC RESOURCE CENTRES

Family Services Program available at HSC Resource Centres includes:

- Information on HD and strategies for care
- Connecting families with community services/resources through referral and advocacy
- Educational sessions to community groups and healthcare professionals

BC HSC Resource Centre

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Fraser Valley

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BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

Province-Wide Events:

RaceHD: RaceHD is our national running group that runs, walks or rolls in races across the country to raise money for HD. If you would like more information about the races and to register, visit www.hscevents.ca/racehd. If you have found a race near you that is not listed, contact us at events@huntingtonsociety.ca.

Vancouver Chapter

Community News

Those who attended the 21st Annual BC Walk had a great time despite rather wet conditions, and raised over \$24,000! The Haunted Hallows Eve Gala in October had a wonderful turn out. Participants enjoyed a costume contest, entertainment, spookily decorated venue and silent auction!

Meetings

Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics - 950 W 28th Ave, Vancouver, BC at 7:10 pm. For more information contact the Chapter at britishcolumbiahd@gmail.com.

HD Support Group – Welcome to our new Family Services Worker Natalie Cruz who will be working in the lower mainland and facilitating our HD Support Group. This group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 pm from September to June. This group is open to individuals who have been diagnosed. Reach Natalie at 604-822-7195 or ncruz@huntingtonsociety.ca.

Caregiver Group – This group offers caregivers the opportunity to connect with others who struggle with similar concerns. We meet the 3rd Monday of every second month starting in September and ending in June. For more information please contact Rhonda Romolock at (604) 822-7195 or rromolock@huntingtonsociety.ca.

South Vancouver Island Chapter

Community News

We are always looking for volunteers and new ideas to strengthen our Chapter! If you would like to get involved contact events@huntingtonsociety.ca.

Meetings

Welcome to our new Family Services Worker Jenni Aitken who is now available at 250-704-2512 and by email at jaiken@huntingtonsociety.ca. Cheryl was able to assist in Jenni's transition and we are so thankful for her great work and commitment.

Okanagan Chapter

Community News

We enjoyed meeting so many people from the HD community at the National Conference! If you wish to learn more about our Chapter or get involved, please contact us at hscokanagan@yahoo.ca or visit facebook.com/HSCOkanagan.

HSC RESOURCE CENTRES

South Vancouver Island, Victoria

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The British Columbia Huntington Disease Resource Centre (BC-HDRC)

is located at the UBC Hospital, and offers the Huntington Society of Canada's Family Services Program. Services are available 5 days a week.

HD RESOURCES

Clinical Trials

Participating in a clinical trial is a personal choice. Clinical trials can help advance medical research.

The Society encourages those interested to connect with their HSC Resource Centre Director to discuss possible impacts of participating.

For locations and contact person, visit:
huntingtonsociety.ca/clinical-trial-locations

HDBuzz.net

HD research news. In plain language. Written by scientists for the global HD community. Stay up to date with the latest research news about HD from around the world!

HD Fact Sheets

Fact sheets on a variety of topics relating to HD including communication, clinical trials and behaviour are available on our website at hdfactsheets.ca.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

Okanagan Chapter Continued

Upcoming Events

CHARITY DANCE
Elks Lodge #45, 3103-30th Street, Vernon
March 2, 2019 - 8 PM to Midnight
Live music by Mace, bar, silent auction and more!
\$15 a ticket

Fraser Valley Area

Support Meetings

People with HD, Affected by HD, or Caregivers: 4th Monday of the month (except July, August and December), Central Abbotsford. New participants are always welcome.

Caregivers Only: 3-4 times per year in addition to the regular monthly meetings.

Call Randy at (604) 851-0225 for more information on either of the groups above.

YPAHD Chapter

YPAHD helps youth think about and discuss things like genetic testing, family life, and dating with HD, and supports them in their struggles of being affected by the disease. This group gives young people someone to relate to, talk to, and lean on. This support system can be incredibly important during this stage in life and beyond.

Chapter Meetings

YPAHD is a virtual chapter that meets monthly via phone. YPAHD conference calls are typically scheduled during the evening of the second Sunday of each month but this schedule is subject to change.

Upcoming Events

For upcoming events and more information on how to get involved with YPAHD, visit www.ypahd.ca.