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(Waterloo, ON) October 30, 2020 – The Huntington Society of Canada (HSC) is pleased to be offering three live broadcasts as part of a ‘Seasonal Series’ of Community Education Forums (CEFs) being offered until February 2021.

The second CEF will go live Saturday, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. EST and focuses on the latest updates in Huntington disease (HD) research. The 1-hour broadcast will be led by Prof. Ed Wild and Dr. Jeff Carroll. Prof. Wild and Dr. Carroll are co-founders and editors of HDBuzz, an online resource providing HD research updates in layman’s terms. In recognition of their efforts, HSC awarded the duo the Michael Wright Community Leadership Award in 2012. Prof. Wild is Professor of Neurology at University College London (UCL), Associate Director of UCL’s Huntington’s Disease Centre, and a Consultant Neurologist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. Prof. Wild has worked on HD since 2005 and leads a team focusing on clinical trials of new HD treatments and studying cerebrospinal fluid to understand HD. Dr. Carroll studies HD as an associate professor at Western Washington University and has worked for many years on huntingtin-lowering experiments in mouse models. Dr. Carroll is a member of an HD family and himself carries the gene mutation which causes HD.

“It’s a time of great progress and excitement in research to develop and test new drugs to fight HD, but lots of new therapies means more research and terminology that could confuse and overwhelm, and more hype that could lead to disappointment”, notes Wild. As such, Dr. Carroll and Prof. Wild will walk participants through what’s going on, what’s coming soon, what it all means, and where to direct excitement and energy in order to help in the fight.

Pre-registration is required in order to receive login information for the webinar (and to receive the webinar recording after the event if you cannot attend live). Those interested can learn more at [www.huntingtonsociety.ca/cef](http://www.huntingtonsociety.ca/cef).

The seasonal series offered by HSC kicked off in May with a presentation on self-care for the caregiver by Natalie Marnica. The series concludes with a presentation led by Clare Gibbons, genetic counselor at Toronto’s North York General Hospital on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 about genetic testing and the variety of considerations when being tested for a gene mutation like the one carried by individuals with HD.

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**Huntington disease (HD)** is a debilitating brain disorder that is fatal and incurable. About one in every 7,000 Canadians has HD and approximately one in every 5,500 is at-risk of developing the disease. Many more are touched by HD whether as a caregiver, a family member, or a friend. Huntington disease is often described as having the symptoms of Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and ALS – simultaneously. As the disease progresses, a person with Huntington’s become less able to manage movements, recall events, make decisions and control emotions. The disease leads to incapacitation and, eventually, death.

The **Huntington Society of Canada (HSC)** is a respected leader in the worldwide effort to find a meaningful treatment for Huntington disease. HSC is the only Canadian health charity dedicated to providing help and hope for families dealing with Huntington disease across Canada.

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