

About CMF

The Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation (CMF) was founded in 2008 by people whose lives have been personally affected by mesothelioma, a rare form of cancer that is almost exclusively linked to asbestos exposure. Despite a dramatic decline in the use of asbestos since the early 1980s in Canada, the incidence of mesothelioma in Canada, and around the world, is on the rise because asbestos remains in our environment and symptoms of the disease often do not present until decades after asbestos exposure.



A registered charity, the Foundation raises awareness about the link between mesothelioma and asbestos exposure and supports mesothelioma patients and their families, as well as the development of expertise in mesothelioma diagnosis, treatment and care across Canada.

We are largely volunteer run with donations going directly towards achieving our mandate. To learn more, please visit us at www.cmfonline.org, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.



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Dedicated to raising awareness and understanding about mesothelioma in Canada

Focus on Patients and Caregivers

The CMF's primary objective is to advocate for and support patients with mesothelioma and their families.

We do this through:

- Online, private support groups
- Workshops and conferences
- Providing information to patients about treatment options and other concerns
- Connecting patients with centres of excellence.



CMF Support Groups

We run a number of private, invitation-only online support groups for mesothelioma patients, caregivers and bereaved to connect with one another, share experiences and seek support from one another. All from a Canadian perspective.

Patient and Caregiver Support

We provide information on mesothelioma, treatments and living with mesothelioma. Please contact us to learn more.

Focus on Medical Practitioners



The CMF is committed to supporting the existing medical community and infrastructure in Canada for diagnosing and treating mesothelioma. Our objectives are to:

- Foster further collaboration of tertiary care specialists in mesothelioma diagnosis, treatment and care and leading edge clinical practice
- Increase awareness amongst health professionals of screening, early diagnosis, mesothelioma centres of excellence and other resources.

We do this by providing educational and training grants, educational workshops and conferences, and through the development of our Health Network.

CMF Education and Training Fund

The CMF provides grants to the University Health Network in Toronto for their Mesothelioma Research Program including funding for fellowships, and other educational and training opportunities for Canadian and international health-care professionals in mesothelioma.

As of 2020, the CMF funds a professorship in mesothelioma research at the University Health Network, University of Toronto.

We also offer grants to other physicians and centres across Canada.

Focus on Networking



Mesothelioma Health Network

The CMF developed the Mesothelioma Health Network under the guidance of our Scientific Advisory Committee. It is a network of health-care professionals and organizations with an interest and/or expertise in mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases. It provides a place for members to share knowledge and experience, information about clinical trials, and the latest research findings. Its mandate also includes providing educational resources for frontline health-care professionals and facilitating easier access to mesothelioma diagnosis and treatments across Canada.



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