



Backgrounder

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to reaching every Canadian affected by a brain tumour through support, education, information and research. Thousands of people affected by brain tumours find emotional support and comfort through Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, while gaining a better understanding and knowledge of their disease. There are an estimated 55,000 currently living with a brain tumour with an additional 10,000 newly diagnosed each year.

Specific initiatives include:

- Free Patient Resource Handbooks (adult and pediatric versions)
- Support Group meetings in 21 different cities in 7 provinces for adults affected by a brain tumour and their caregivers
- BrainWAVE Family Support Program for families with children and teens affected by a brain tumour
- Information Day Conferences on the latest developments in brain tumour research and treatments
- One-to-one support through our national, toll free 1-800 line
- Message Board and Chat Room at www.braintumour.ca
- Funding Canadian research projects into the causes and treatments of brain tumours
- Funding the Brain Tumour Tissue Bank, which provides brain tumour tissue samples to Canadian and international researchers
- Founding member of North American Brain Tumour Funders' Collaborative, funding three, \$2 million dollar research grants

Our History

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada was established in London in 1982 by Steve Northey, who lost his eight-year-old daughter Kelly to a brain tumour, Dr. Rolando Del Maestro, a neurosurgeon, and Pamela Del Maestro, a neuroscience nurse, to help find the cause and cure while improving the quality of life of those affected.

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is a founding member and an active participant of the International Brain Tumor Alliance (IBTA), the North American Brain Tumour Coalition (NABTC) and the Canadian Alliance of Brain Tumour Organizations (CABTO). These organizations focus on raising awareness of brain tumours, advocating for positive change, and supporting brain tumour research.

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