

Why Does Ontario URGENTLY Need a Rare Disease Strategy?

THE PATIENT ODYSSEY



CALLS FOR AN ONTARIO RARE DISEASE STRATEGY WITH 3 PILLARS

HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE

An Ontario rare disease strategy can help simplify and expedite care and treatment for patients



Rare Disease Centres of Expertise



More Timely Access to Treatment



Investment in Research



RARE DISEASE AFFECTS EVERYONE

Over **8,000 rare diseases** affect **1 in 10 Canadians** (3.8 million in total)

80% of rare diseases are genetic, but half occur in families with **no known history**

1 in 15 babies in Ontario is born with a rare disease and nearly a third will **die before their fifth birthday**

A Canadian child dies of a rare disease **every 39 minutes**, making it **10 times more deadly** for children under the age of 15 **than cancer**

Join Rare Disease Patients in the Urgent Call for an Ontario Rare Disease Strategy!

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