

## 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 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](http://www.cmfonline.org), or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.



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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
- Continuing development of our online directory of mesothelioma support services across Canada
- Providing information to patients about treatment options and other concerns
- Connecting patients with centres of excellence .



### CMF Support Groups

The CMF has recently launched a number of private, invite-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. For more information on how to join, please contact us, or visit our website.

## 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:

- Further collaboration and development 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 through the provision of educational and training grants, educational workshops and conferences, and through the development of our Health Network.

### CMF Education and Training Fund

This special educational grant was first given to the University Health Network in Toronto in 2011 by the CMF for their Mesothelioma Research Program. Initiatives that it supports may include but are not limited to fellowships, and other educational and training opportunities for Canadian and international health care professionals in mesothelioma.

The CMF also offers educational grants to other physicians and centres across Canada. Visit us online for details.

## Focus on Networking

### The Canadian Mesothelioma Patient Support Network

The Patient Support Network currently under development on the CMF website will provide a searchable, online database of support services for mesothelioma patients and caregivers across Canada. Services include both free and pay services. The Network is actively recruiting service providers! Please contact us to learn more.



### CMF Health Network

The CMF is currently working towards the development of the Mesothelioma Health Network. When completed, it will be an online network of medical practitioners, health care professionals and organizations with an interest in mesothelioma and other asbestos related diseases. It will provide a place for members to share knowledge and experience, and will link members to mesothelioma detection, diagnosis and treatment resources across Canada. To learn how to become a member of our Health Network, please contact us.