

Our Impact

The **Loeys-Dietz Syndrome Foundation Canada** (LDSFC) is a national charitable organization dedicated to the promotion of research, awareness, education, and support for those affected by Loeys-Dietz syndrome (LDS) and related heritable aortic disorders.

Founded in 2010 by parents searching for answers for their sick children, LDSFC has since made a **considerable impact**.

Education and Awareness Impact

4 Heritable Aortic Disorders (HAD) Symposiums.

LDSFC is a co-founding member and sponsor of HAD, an annual educational event for medical professionals, patients, and families to meet, connect, and learn about the latest advances.

55+ Educational materials on LDS and related disorders.

LDSFC produces educational materials, including: head-to-toe of LDS signs and symptoms, a school packet, a family planning booklet, emergency guide, videos, and website content.

Research Impact

935,000 \$ CAD in funding for cutting-edge research in Canada.

LDSFC fuels innovative research on LDS and related disorders by providing investigators with seed funding, leadership development, coaching, and access to a global network of strategic partners.

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Canadian registry for hereditary aortopathies (CAN-ACT).

LDSFC is a founding member of this registry, in partnership with 18 research institutions across Canada, enabling the collection of data on patients affected by hereditary aortopathies.

1700+

Published and categorized LDS research articles in our GRIP database.

The Global Research Inventory Program (GRIP) is a cutting-edge inventory of literature and related investigators.

Support Impact

970+ Patient support in English and French.

Throughout our Foundation's history, we have responded to more than 850 requests from individuals affected by LDS and HTAD.

3 Multi-disciplinary clinics.

The MUHC, Montreal Heart Institute, and St. Michael's Hospital.

600+ Resources in our Resource Directory.

The Directory contains information on resources (medical, financial, psychological, social, educational, legal, and more) to help individuals living with LDS.

