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Turner Syndrome
SOCIETY OF CANADA

The Turner Syndrome Society of Canada

What are our goals?

The Turner Syndrome Society of Canada (TSS) is a non-profit charitable organization guided by the following Mission Statement:

To improve the quality of life for individuals and families affected by Turner Syndrome. This is accomplished through the provision of public and professional awareness about the needs and concerns of individuals with Turner Syndrome and their families

The goals of the Turner Syndrome Society of Canada include:

- Providing one-to-one telephone support to girls and women who have Turner Syndrome (TS) and their families.
- Providing up-to-date medical information to individuals with TS, their families, health care providers, and the general public.
- Connecting those affected by TS to other individuals with shared concerns or to local groups.
- Sharing news of the Society's activities and events through a newsletter and periodic updates to our members.
- Enhancing public awareness about TS.

How can I access information about Turner Syndrome?

Basic information about TS is available through our website, www.turnersyndrome.ca. Our annual conference provides recent medical information and the opportunity to network with other members. We publish a newsletter, TS News, two times per year. Our information book, *Turner Syndrome: Across the Lifespan* was published in May 2008 and is available through our national office in Ottawa. Contact our national office via email or our toll free telephone line to ask about further information, in our reference library, or through our contacts with health care professionals.

How can the TSS support our family?

Our local chapters and contact groups offer support and a sense of community to those dealing affected by TS. These support groups provide opportunities for individuals with Turners Syndrome to celebrate successes and build friendships, as well as a safe place to discuss fears, troublesome experiences and "taboo" subjects. Parents of girls with TS gain information to help their daughters, and the chance to network both with other parents and with successful adult women with TS. The Society also has a toll free telephone line for those seeking information or connection with other TS families (see contact information in the sidebar).

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Is there a local group near me?

Local Chapters of the Turner Syndrome Society of Canada are located in Vancouver (British Columbia), Edmonton (Alberta), Toronto (Ontario), Ottawa (Ontario) and Montréal (Québec). Local contact groups exist in Calgary and Thunder Bay. Each group has its own unique activities and services, and is connected to the national organization. These groups host events such as informal support meetings, information sessions or local conferences, social gatherings and fundraisers. Most groups maintain a mailing list to keep members updated on local activities and to circulate local newsletters.

We are working to expand this network of support groups. Individuals interested in starting a group in their area are encouraged to contact the national office for more information.

How do I become a member of the Turner Syndrome Society?

Membership in the Society can be obtained in two ways. You can join as a Member-at-large of the national TSS or you can join one of the five local chapters of the TSS. Membership in a local chapter automatically enrolls you as a member of the national Society. Contact our national office or chapters for membership forms or further information.

How can I find out about the next Turner Syndrome Conference?

Our annual conference provides the exciting opportunity to network, build friendships and share experiences with a large group of individuals and families affected by TS from across Canada. The conference programs feature talks by medical specialists on state-of-the-art medical findings. The conference is held each spring, generally

alternating between locations in Eastern and Western Canada. Conference registration information is available on the TSS website, or through the national office.

Who runs the TSS?

The Turner Syndrome Society of Canada is largely a volunteer organization. It is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of women with TS, parents and health professionals. There are two paid staff for the Society, a part time Executive Director and one part-time Administrative Assistant. The Annual General Meeting of the TSS is held each year at the same time as the annual conference.

How is the TSS funded?

The Turner Syndrome Society of Canada is a non-profit charitable organization that derives funding from government grants, corporate donors, fundraising efforts and donations from the public. The National TSS organization is registered as a non-profit charity in the province of Ontario. Our charitable registration number is 12975 3190 RR0001.

How can I support the work of the TSS?

Donations from the public are gratefully accepted and acknowledged with a tax receipt. You can use the donation form available on our web site to send a donation by mail or fax to the national office, or use the secure CanadaHelps link on our web site to donate online. We will also accept direct donations over the telephone using Mastercard or VISA.

