Rick Hansen Institute

The Rick Hansen Institute is a not-for-profit organization that drives innovation in spinal cord injury (SCI) research and care. We strive to improve the lives of people living with SCI in Canada and around the world.

Headquartered in Vancouver, BC, the Institute facilitates an international network of researchers, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, investors, people with SCI and their supporters in order to find solutions to one of the most debilitating, costly and life-altering health conditions.

HOW WE WORK

Our vision is a world without paralysis after SCI. To achieve this, the Institute takes a multi-disciplinary, adaptable approach to maximize our impact. This enables us to move the most promising ideas out of the laboratory, into a standard practice of care, into the marketplace and ultimately, into the lives of people with SCI.

By working to address all of these areas simultaneously, and with national and international partners within the SCI community and beyond, the Institute is uniquely positioned to provide solutions for people with spinal cord injury.

RICK HANSEN’S LEGACY

In 1985, Rick Hansen embarked on a journey that would change the world for people living with spinal cord injury and other disabilities. More than thirty years later, the legacy of the Man In Motion World Tour continues to inspire the SCI community. We are one of two organizations that is a direct outcome of that legacy.

Today, the Rick Hansen Institute focuses on SCI research, innovation and care, while the Rick Hansen Foundation focuses on accessibility and inclusion for people of all disabilities.

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SPINAL CORD INJURY CAN OCCUR FROM A
- fall
- vehicle accident
- sports injury
- congenital disease
- infection
- tumour

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES
- 86,000 Canadians affected and millions more around the world
- $2.7B a year for newly injured Canadians with traumatic SCI
- frequent and potentially deadly secondary complications such as pneumonia, bladder infections, pressure injuries

RHI’S GLOBAL IMPACT INCLUDES
- Collaborations in 30 countries
- Engagement with 39 health care sites in Canada and around the world
- International network including more than 100 researchers, health care professionals and other experts in SCI