

# Critical Illness Statistics

Few of us want to contemplate the reality of being told we have a serious illness. Even fewer of us have likely given any thought to how we would cope financially, if faced with such a diagnosis. And although the odds of surviving a critical illness are better than ever thanks to medical advances, you may want to consider these statistics\*\*:

- ▶ Heart attacks strike 70,000 Canadians each year
- ▶ One of every two Canadian men – and one of every three women – will develop heart disease.
- ▶ Strokes hit 50,000 Canadians each year
- ▶ An estimated 2,865 Canadians are diagnosed with cancer every week
- ▶ One of every three Canadians will contract cancer.

\*\*Heart and Stroke Foundation (2005), National Cancer Institute of Canada (2005), Canadian Cancer Statistics (2005)

The Facts of Life: Unfortunately, Canadians have a high risk of being diagnosed with a critical illness during their lifetime.

In fact, statistics\* show that:

- ▶ Mortality rates from heart disease and stroke have decreased by 70% since 1952.
- ▶ While women have a 1 in 9 chance of developing breast cancer, they only have a 1 in 27 chance of dying from it.
- ▶ While men have a 1 in 7 chance of developing prostate cancer, and only a 1 in 26 chance of dying from it.

\*Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, 2002; Canadian Cancer Society, 2006.

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## Heart Attack

From the Heart and Stroke Foundation (<http://www.heartandstroke.on.ca/>)

- ▶ 1 in 4 Canadians will contract some form of heart disease
- ▶ 75,000 Canadians suffer heart attacks each year
- ▶ Heart disease costs the Canadian economy approximately \$19 billion every year in medical services, hospitalization expenses, loss of income and loss of productivity
- ▶ The rate of death among patients hospitalized for heart attacks has been decreased by half, from 16% to 8%
- ▶ 1 in 2 heart attack victims is under age 65

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### Stroke

From the Heart and Stroke Foundation (<http://www.heartandstroke.on.ca/>)

- ▶ 50,000 Canadians suffer a stroke each year
- ▶ 75% survive the initial event
- ▶ Strokes are the leading cause of neurological disability
- ▶ One-Third of stroke victims are under the age of 65
- ▶ 60% of stroke victims will be left with a disability

### Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

From the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada (<http://www.mssociety.ca/ontario/default.htm>)

- ▶ More than 50,000 Canadians have Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
- ▶ Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is the most common neurological disease among young Canadians
- ▶ have one of the highest rates of MS in the world
- ▶ Women are twice as likely to develop MS as men

### Parkinson's Disease

From the Parkinson Society Canada (<http://www.parkinson.ca/>)

- ▶ 30% of all Parkinson's patients are under the age of 50
- ▶ 20% of all Parkinson's patients are under the age of 40
- ▶ Approximately 80,000 to 100,000 Canadians are suffering from Parkinson's Disease

## Paralysis

From the National Spinal Cord Injury Association of Canada

- ▶ Each year an estimated 900 Canadians sustain a spinal cord injury
- ▶ Over 30,000 Canadians suffer from paralysis of 2 or more limbs
- ▶ Most persons who suffer spinal cord injury are between 16 and 30 years of age
- ▶ The most common causes of spinal cord injury are car collisions and falls

## Cancer

From the Canadian Cancer Society (<http://www.cancer.ca/>)

- ▶ More than 130,000 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer this year
- ▶ Over 60,000 people in Canada will die this year from the disease
- ▶ 1 in 3 Canadians will develop cancer in their lifetime
- ▶ 1 in 9 women will develop breast cancer
- ▶ 1 in 3 women and 1 in 2.5 men will develop cancer in their lifetime.

## Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery

From the Heart and Stroke Foundation (<http://www.heartandstroke.on.ca/>)

- ▶ Bypass surgery is performed more often on men than women by a ratio of nearly 4 to 1
- ▶ Approximately 11,000 bypass surgeries are performed in Canada each year
- ▶ The rate at which bypass surgery is performed on people age 65 and older has increased

## Alzheimer's Disease

From the Alzheimer Society of Canada (<http://www.alzheimer.ca/english/index.php>)

- ▶ Alzheimer's Disease is the fourth leading cause of death in Canada
- ▶ Every year approximately 10,000 Canadians die from Alzheimer's
- ▶ Approximately 1 in 100 Canadians suffer from Alzheimer's disease
- ▶ There are approximately 22,000 people in Metro Toronto with Alzheimer's Disease
- ▶ The disease occurs in 8% of the general population over 60

## Kidney Failure

From the Kidney Foundation of Canada (<http://www.kidney.ca/>)

- ▶ Kidney disease ranks sixth among diseases causing death in Canada
- ▶ Each day an average of 8 Canadians learn that their kidneys have failed
- ▶ Approximately 2000 Canadians are on a waiting list for kidney transplant
- ▶ 351 kidney transplants were performed in Ontario in 1995
- ▶ 1 in 10 will develop kidney stones at some point in their lives

## Deafness

From the Canadian Hearing Society (<http://www.chs.ca/>)

- ▶ 280,000 Canadians are deaf
- ▶ 1,120,000 Canadians are hard of hearing
- ▶ 1,400,000 do not use amplification There are more than 2,800,000 Canadians suffering from hearing loss

## Occupational HIV

From the Canadian Aids Society (<http://www.cdnaids.ca/>)

- ▶ Approximately 4.4 million health care workers suffer 800,000 needle sticks and other injuries from sharp objects annually
- ▶ An estimated 16,000 of these objects are contaminated with HIV

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