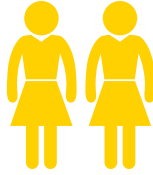



# ENDOMETRIOSIS: THE INVISIBLE ILLNESS

Endometriosis is a chronic and painful disease that occurs when tissue similar to the lining of the uterus starts growing outside of the uterus, where it doesn't belong.<sup>1</sup>

Most girls and women suffering look just like any other person.




But their insides tell a different story.



**500,000+**  
**CANADIANS**  
are affected by endometriosis<sup>2</sup>



**7%**  
of Canadian women will develop endometriosis.<sup>2</sup>



**27.9**  
**YEARS OLD:**  
The average diagnosis age in Canada<sup>2</sup>



**3**  
**MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS:**  
Painful periods, pelvic pain in between periods and pain with sex<sup>3</sup>



**3.1**  
**YEARS:**  
The delay most patients face from onset of symptoms to physician consultation<sup>2</sup>



**2.3**  
**YEARS:**  
The delay most patients face between physician consultation and diagnosis<sup>2</sup>



**5+**  
**YEARS:**  
The reported average diagnostic delay from the time of symptom onset<sup>2</sup>

**7/10**  
**INDIVIDUALS**  
being managed for endometriosis have unresolved pain throughout the month<sup>4</sup>



Endometriosis goes beyond physical pain and can have a **PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT**<sup>5</sup>



**\$1.8 BILLION:**

The estimated total annual cost to society of surgically confirmed endometriosis in Canada.<sup>6</sup>

**71%**  
**MORE VISITS TO THE ED**<sup>7</sup>

Compared to those without endometriosis, in the first year following diagnosis, 71% more individuals with endometriosis had **at least one emergency department (ED) visit**.

This equates to **9,651 individuals** with endometriosis visiting the ED for any reason in the first year after diagnosis vs. 5,652 individuals without endometriosis (P<0.05).



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