

Innovation Changes Lives for the Better

A commitment to equitable, diverse and inclusive care



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Quality of life is something we often take for granted. For those living with chronic diseases such as psoriatic arthritis (PsA), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), atopic dermatitis (AD), and hidradenitis suppurativa (HS), it can mean feeling trapped in your own skin with debilitating and often unseen impacts to physical and mental health. Finding the strength to take charge of their life, address concerns, and discover better outcomes is one way we can support patients in their quest, but this won't come without a significant investment into research and development in Canada.

Following the July 2021 announcement of the Biomanufacturing and Life Sciences Strategy, Canada has an opportunity to aim higher and become a destination of choice for investment in health research and innovation. We encourage the federal government to review its policies to ensure growth of the life sciences sector and to ensure timely access to new medications and vaccines.

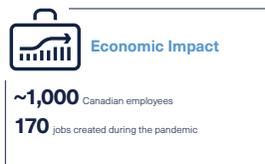
With AbbVie's work in immunology, we are leveraging scientific innovation, research and expertise to develop next-generation medications in rheumatology, dermatology and gastroenterology. If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it's the importance of fostering a strong life sciences sector to support the health of Canadians, the sustainability of our health care system and the innovative economy. We need a predictable regulatory environment that recognizes the value of innovative medicines to encourage investment, drive innovation, and ensure new health technologies reach hospitals, clinics and patients.

AbbVie's Commitment to Life Sciences in Canada

We're a company that takes on the toughest health challenges. But we do more than treat diseases – we aim to make a remarkable impact on people's lives.

Our areas of focus: immunology, oncology, neuroscience, eye care, virology, women's health, general medicine and aesthetics.

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Our commitment to science is a commitment to better our society.
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Creating a sustainable health system

A sustainable health system starts with prioritizing the toughest health challenges. AbbVie supports our health ecosystem with the discovery, development and delivery of innovative medicines to improve the lives of Canadians. This includes partnerships and collaborations with post-secondary institutions, Canadian scientists and research labs, clinics and hospitals, government and patient associations.

AbbVie is driven by innovative science, which is reflected in our Global \$1.5 billion USD investment in adjusted R&D this quarter (April 29, 2022). This investment demonstrates our continued commitment to the future and to discovering and developing new medicines and products.

Equitable, diverse and inclusive dermatological care in Canada

Supporting equitable, diverse and inclusive dermatological care and treatment addresses longstanding gaps and inequities in dermatological research, education and patient care, while allowing for treatment development in areas of high unmet needs.

Recently, AbbVie demonstrated its innovation in dermatology with the development of the AbbVie Chair in Ethnodermatology, in partnership with the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine. The Chair will drive collaborative academic research, provide advanced training to the next generation of dermatological practitioners, and lead outreach programs to better inform equitable, diverse and inclusive dermatological care in Canada and around the world.

Improving patient lives through innovation

More than one million Canadians are treated with an AbbVie medicine every year. This is a direct result of improved patient outcomes powered by innovation. By investing in research, we're able to discover and create products that address patients' most pressing health needs, such as improved Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) scores and Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) remission.

Improving patient's lives also comes from personalized services and tools, such as the AbbVie Care and Patients at Heart programs that assist patients in their medication and clinical trial journeys to provide them with support and confidence. Another example is AbbVie's IBD Disk Tool designed for patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) to assess their state of health and the impact of the disease on their everyday life. AbbVie is also a founding and continuing sponsor of the Canadian Rheumatology Ultrasound Society (CRUS), which is dedicated to advancing the use of ultrasonography to optimize clinical decision-making and therapeutic management.

Planning for the next cohort of physicians must also be prioritized to foster research and innovation. In early 2022, AbbVie launched the Collective Effect, a program that educates new physicians on clinical research to foster face-to-face interactions and mentorship opportunities where physicians can learn about clinical research.

All Canadians deserve equal, fair and inclusive disease care, and we have an opportunity to be part of the solution.

I am extremely proud that AbbVie annually provides more than \$10 million in funding to Canadian healthcare, educational and community organizations and corporate matching for employee charitable donations. These gestures inspire personal action and make a meaningful difference at local, provincial and national levels.

COVID-19 has shown us what we can accomplish when we work together. Let's continue to discover and deliver innovative medicines and technologies that solve the toughest health challenges to make a remarkable impact on the lives of Canadians.

About AbbVie

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