

Improve your organisation's performance

supporting people with
Huntington's disease.



Why it's important for your organisation



Huntington's disease (HD) is complex.

Every individual's journey with HD is unique. This means your staff need to understand the condition and its impact so they can offer the best care and support.

HD is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. Because of how the disease manifests, people with HD often fall between the cracks of health and social services.

HD is a degenerative genetic condition, with symptoms that affect cognition, motor skills, and mood and emotional health. These challenges can make inter-personal relationships difficult and puts enormous pressure on the individual's social and support networks. Social, financial and familial distress is likely to make interaction challenging.

Some people with HD have symptoms which may present a safety risk to staff.

Understanding the condition enables your staff to recognise symptoms and implement strategies.

Being prepared will ensure your staff can provide the best care for the individual with HD, while improving your organisation's operational efficiency and effectiveness.

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Why it's important to people with Huntington's disease

Individuals with Huntington's disease deserve to be treated with compassion and respect.

Developing an understanding of the disease, having empathy, and an appreciation for the condition will significantly reduce stress and anxiety for both your staff and an individual with HD.

Our Group Information and Education Program can assist your organisation. It is framed by:

Clinical connection

- Care developed in consultation with leading specialist clinicians including: Genetics, speech pathology, mental health and physiotherapy.
- Based on critical evidentiary links between patients and clinicians.
- National and state network of informed allied health workers.

Evidence-based best practice

- Part of a nationwide network of clinicians, medical practitioners and impacted families and communities.
- Links to international experts evaluating trials, research and treatments.

Practical lived experience

- 45+ years of direct experience with Huntington's disease (since 1976).
- Holistic approach to complete care (social counselling/advocacy).
- Real-life application interpreting and working side-by-side with clinicians, practitioners, individuals and families to achieve positive outcomes.



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Huntingtons Queensland provide social counselling support for individuals and families impacted by HD.

Huntingtons Queensland create a critical interface role between clinicians, allied health workers and their patients.

Huntingtons Queensland perform important advocacy, information and education work supporting people with HD.

A significant amount of our work is social counselling and advocacy for people with Huntington's disease, and their families.

This work is currently unfunded.

Our Group Information and Education Program helps to fund this important work.

Your patronage and support is much appreciated.



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