Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging (CCNA)

Research Areas

- Biomarker Research
- Basic Research

At a Glance

- Status: Active Consortium
- Year Launched: 2014
- Initiating Organization: Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- Initiator Type: Government
- Location: North America

Abstract

The Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging (CCNA) focuses on research into the basic mechanisms of neurodegenerative diseases, accelerating the development of tools that can be used to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of the diseases. The intended outcome of these tools is to improve the quality of life and services for patients with neurodegenerative diseases.

Mission

As part of the Canadian contribution to the International Collaborative Research Strategy for Alzheimer’s disease, CCNA brings together Canadian government agencies (federal and provincial), foundations, pharmaceutical companies, philanthropists, and international stakeholders to identify whether there are common causes and risk factors to neurodegenerative diseases.

Structure & Governance
CCNA will be led by one nominated principal investigator, supported by three principal investigators for each of the three research themes: Primary Prevention, Secondary Prevention, and Quality of Life.

**Financing**

The consortium receives C$31.5 million from the federal government and several partners (such as the Alzheimer Society of Canada, which contributes C$4.0 million), as well as an additional C$24.0 million from partners in Ontario and Quebec.

**Intellectual Property**

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**Patent Engagement**

The Alzheimer Society of Canada and Alzheimer’s Research UK are founders and financial contributors to the consortium.

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