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### Save the Dates!

- March 5–7  
CORD Conference  
Toronto, ON  
[www.raredisorders.ca](http://www.raredisorders.ca)
- June 29–July 3  
Oley Conference  
Saratoga Springs, NY  
[www.oley.org](http://www.oley.org)

# LifelineLetter **Canadian Supplement**



Living with home parenteral and/or enteral nutrition (HPEN)

## Welcome to the Canadian Supplement

In late 2013, Oley Ambassador Laurie McBride proposed that the Oley Foundation publish a Canadian supplement to the bimonthly *LifelineLetter*. It has taken us some time to implement his suggestion, but we are pleased to introduce this inaugural issue at the start of a new year. Thank you, Laurie!

Following Laurie's original proposal, we have taken on this supplement in order to:

- address issues of particular concern to Canadians;
- encourage and support local and regional support groups for the Canadian home parenteral and enteral nutrition (HPEN) community (at present there are support groups operating in Vancouver and Victoria in British Columbia, and in Toronto, Ontario); and
- encourage growth of our Canadian membership.

Please consider sharing Oley materials with your health care providers and/or HPEN consumers!

At present, the Oley Foundation has 229 members residing in Canada. Five of these are Oley Ambassadors and one is an Oley Trustee (Terry Edwards is currently the Vice President of the Oley Foundation Board of Trustees). With the balance of the material in this supplement, we hope to paint a picture of our Oley membership in Canada. As we learn more about your concerns, we hope to better serve you through this supplement.

Please read Laurie's invitation below, and consider submitting ideas or material for the supplement. Your involvement is important to this effort's success.

—Lisa Crosby Metzger, Editor

## Oley Ambassadors in Canada

Oley Ambassadors are home parenteral (HPN) and/or enteral (HEN) consumers or caregivers who have volunteered to provide peer support. They can answer questions based on their personal experiences, listen, and share. Several Ambassadors are active in local support group meetings. More information about the program and an introduction to these and other Ambassadors is available at [www.oley.org](http://www.oley.org).

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## Be Part of This Effort

In an effort to make the Canadian supplement reflective of the breadth of Canadian national concerns, the Oley Foundation would like to request volunteers from throughout Canada to submit articles or article ideas. Please consider providing input into which topics you believe should be covered, and if you wish, provide copy for the supplement. Don't be concerned that your writing style might not be polished, as an editorial review (polish) will be available to us as authors.

The Oley staff is in full support of this initiative. If we can help provide material and article ideas, they will provide editorial review, medical review of articles where appropriate, and distribution. This publication will be distributed by mail and/or e-mail to Canadian subscribers, and posted on the Oley Web site.

If you would be interested in participating in this initiative, or have thoughts to contribute, please contact me or newsletter editor Lisa Crosby Metzger (518-262-5079 or [metzgel@mail.amc.edu](mailto:metzgel@mail.amc.edu)).

—Laurie McBride, Oley Ambassador

## Are You Missing Out?

If Oley doesn't have your email address, you're missing conference news, event invitations, HPEN alerts, and other timely updates. Remedy this today: email [harrinc@mail.amc.edu](mailto:harrinc@mail.amc.edu).



## 229 Oley Members in Canada!

### Alberta — 32

Adult HPEN consumers: 1  
Adult HPN consumers: 9  
Adult HEN consumers: 7  
Clinicians: 5  
Industry: 3  
Other professionals: 6  
Off therapy: 1

### British Columbia — 47

Adult HPEN consumers: 3  
Adult HPN consumers: 14  
Adult HEN consumers: 5  
Pediatric HPN consumers: 1  
Pediatric HEN consumers: 3  
Clinicians: 8  
Industry: 8  
Other professionals: 2  
Caregiver, family members: 2  
Off therapy: 1

### Manitoba — 5

Adult HPEN consumers: 1  
Adult HPN consumers: 1  
Adult HEN consumers: 2  
Caregiver, family members: 1

### New Brunswick — 0

### Newfoundland and Labrador — 0

### Northwest Territory — 0

### Nova Scotia — 6

Adult HPEN consumers: 1  
Adult HPN consumers: 3  
Adult HEN consumers: 1  
Clinicians: 1

### Nunavut — 0

### Ontario — 112

Adult HPEN consumers: 2  
Adult HPN consumers: 28  
Adult HEN consumers: 11  
Pediatric HPEN consumers: 2  
Pediatric HPN consumers: 1  
Pediatric HEN consumers: 14  
Clinicians: 20  
Industry: 21  
Other professionals: 8  
Caregiver, family members: 2  
HPN/HEN, adult/child (unspecified): 3

### Prince Edward Island — 0

### Quebec — 14

Adult HPN consumers: 2  
Pediatric HPN consumers: 1  
Pediatric HEN consumers: 1  
Caregiver, family members: 1  
Clinicians: 3  
Industry: 6

### Saskatchewan — 8

Adult HPN consumers: 1  
Adult HEN consumers: 2  
Pediatric HEN consumers: 1  
Clinicians: 3  
Industry: 1

### Yukon Territory — 0

### Province Unknown — 5