



Share Your Story

Get involved with our Pharmacare Campaign and tell us your stories!
Have you or anyone you know faced any of the following problems ...

- *problems paying for prescription drugs, especially for chronic disease*
- *inadequate drug insurance coverage that creates a financial burden*
- *discharged from hospital and re-admitted because medications were too expensive*
- *lack of drug coverage, especially in low-wage, part-time or temporary jobs*
- *no drug coverage for students, retirees, or laid-off workers*
- *inappropriately prescribed drugs (e.g. seniors, children, teens and pregnant women)*
- *inappropriate marketing or promotion of prescription drugs*

Most of us know someone who is not taking their medications because they can't afford them.

We have heard too many stories like these:

- A single mom with two boys had hard times when one of her sons developed severe Crohn's disease at age eight. Often, her son had to go without medications that he needed. Eventually she got a better job with drug benefits. But the insurance company repeatedly denied her claims and she had to fight to get her sons drugs covered. Even with the benefit plan, the co-payments for the assortment of drugs required were often unaffordable.
- An Edmonton woman had a serious bone infection that required intravenous therapy for over a year. Because of drug resistance, she needed medication that cost \$867.00 per week. A combination of her Blue Cross coverage and her husband's employee benefit plan paid for the drugs. Twice, the computer failed to accept the claim, she had to put the \$867.00 on her VISA before the pharmacy could give her the drug. In one year her co-payments for supplies came to \$900 dollars. She worries about what would happen if her husband loses his job.
- A 55-year old single woman worked six days a week at two different jobs when she suddenly became very ill and was subsequently diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She wasn't eligible for the kind of homecare or drug coverage she needed unless she agreed to go on the palliative care program. That means agreeing to give up all curative treatment. But she wasn't willing to give up all hope. Many of her friends and family left cash donations in her mailbox to help.

STORIES LIKE THESE HELP US explain to politicians, policymakers, and the media why we urgently need a national drug plan and better management of pharmaceuticals in Canada.

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