



Costs of prescription medications for people with disabilities

As Canada considers national pharma-care policy, people with disabilities represent a special population whose needs must be accounted for. People with disabilities are among the most economically disadvantaged in Canadian society, and often medication costs represent a further burden. Shikha Gupta, a doctoral student working with the CDPA, has recently received funding from the Mark S. Lodge Fund to conduct research on the use of prescription and non-prescription drugs, the sources of funding and the out-of-pocket costs of medications for people with spinal cord injuries. In particular, she will focus on “cost-related non-adherence”, or the decision to alter or even to stop taking prescribed medications due to costs. For more information on the proposed research, [click here](#).



A vision of Canada where people with disabilities enjoy full participation and citizenship, supported by a coherent framework of legislation, regulation and programs.