



Canadian Organization
for Rare Disorders

WEBINAR 1: FROM GENOMIC TESTING READINESS TO RARE DISEASE SYSTEM READINESS

Featured Speakers:



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Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026
Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EDT
Location: Zoom

Purpose: We need a readiness lens.

The State of Readiness Progress Report for genome-based testing gives a concrete example of readiness assessment. It shows that even when technology exists, systems still need governance, financing, evaluation, data infrastructure, education, navigation, and implementation capacity. The progress report itself notes that readiness to consider and adopt genomic testing is not the same as readiness to effectively deliver and monitor care, which supports CORD's broader system argument.

CORD is launching a national webinar and engagement series called 'From Strategy to System: Rare Disease Readiness Dialogues' to take stock of Canada's first phase of rare disease strategy implementation and to help shape what must come next. Each webinar will serve as a conversation starter, followed by a short Readiness Pulse Survey to gather input.

This webinar is the first in the four part series.