

Critical Illness Information Sheet



CRITICAL ILLNESS OCCURRENCES

CHANCES OF SURVIVAL

- One in two men and one in three women aged 40 and under will develop coronary heart disease in their lifetime
- One in four Canadians has some form of cardiovascular disease
- 75,000 Canadians suffer a heart attack each year

- Over 80% of heart attack patients admitted to hospital survive
- 95% of hospitalized heart attack victims survive the first attack

- This year alone, 134,100 new cases of cancer will occur in Canada
- One in three Canadians will develop a life threatening cancer
- One in nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime

- 72% of males and 77% of females who develop cancer will survive

- One in four Canadians now suffer from a stroke-related illness

- 75% of stroke victims survive the initial event

Critical Illnesses can occur at any age:

- One in five heart attack victims is under age 65.
- One in three stroke victims is under age 65.
- Almost one in three Canadian cancer cases occur under age 60.
- 50,000 Canadians suffer from multiple sclerosis, a disease that primarily strikes younger people.

Sources: 2001 Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada; National Cancer Institute of Canada; Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada

Critical Illness Insurance from RBC Insurance covers 20 illnesses or health conditions, including the four most common in Canada.

heart attack
cancer
stroke
coronary artery disease requiring surgery
multiple sclerosis
kidney failure
coma
major organ transplant
paralysis
severe burns

deafness
blindness
Parkinson's disease
Alzheimer's disease
aorta surgery
heart valve replacement
loss of speech
motor neuron disease (ALS – Lou Gerhig's Disease)
loss of limbs
occupational HIV infection

The above conditions are defined in the policy