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PAIN CHARITY WELCOMES LAUNCH OF NATIONAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON CHRONIC PAIN

February 27, 2020 – Vancouver, BC – Pain BC applauds the launch today of a national [online public consultation](#) on chronic pain by the [Canadian Pain Task Force](#) (CPTF). The consultation will inform the Task Force’s work, including a report to Health Canada in June 2020 that will outline elements of an improved approach to pain in Canada.

The CPTF was formed by Health Canada in 2019 to assess the current state of care for the one-in-five Canadians with chronic pain. It is tasked with recommending an improved national approach to treatment, education, research and data monitoring.

Available from **February 27, 2020 until April 17, 2020**, the online consultation is open to anyone with an interest in pain, including people with pain, caregivers, health care providers, researchers, policy makers and the general public.

The CPTF brings together eight experts in pain, including those with lived experience of pain, researchers and health care providers and an External Advisory Panel made up of 15 additional experts with lived experience and/or backgrounds in research, education and clinical care.

“To effectively address the issue of chronic pain in our country, we need to hear from Canadians impacted by pain and those who care for them,” said Maria Hudspith, Executive Director, Pain BC and CPTF Co-Chair. “This online consultation provides a critical opportunity for Canadians to share their experiences, needs and ideas for an improved approach to pain care, treatment and prevention in Canada.”

The online consultation can be accessed at <https://www.letstalkhealth.ca/pain>.

About Pain BC

Pain BC is registered charity comprised of people in pain, clinicians, researchers, and other supporters. Founded in 2008, our mission is to improve the lives of people in pain through empowerment, care, education and innovation. Partnerships are the cornerstone of our work – we collaborate with health authorities, regulatory bodies, governments, other NGOs, health professional associations, and businesses to achieve our mission.

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