

YOU ARE THE DIFFERENCE

Running Against Ruptures
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YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

With an outpouring of support and generosity from the London community and surrounding area, Running Against Ruptures (RAR) successfully held its 8th annual fundraiser on June 4, 2022. With 2022 being the first year the event was fully in-person since the pandemic, RAR crushed its fundraising goal, making it the highest-grossing year to date in support of brain aneurysm research and care at London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC).

Through the collective efforts of donors and community volunteers, initiatives like RAR provides crucial financial support for research that directly supports clinical trials, quality assessment and research projects to help improve the detection, prevention and treatment of brain aneurysms.

CARING BY THE NUMBERS



\$140,000+
raised to date



100+
Participants
(virtual & in-person)



\$24,000+
raised in 2022



140%
over fundraising goal



YOU ARE MAKING RESEARCH POSSIBLE

Impact of the Charles Drake fellowship program

Funds raised through RAR have been allocated to research projects and fellowship programs focused on understanding the causes, risk factors, and treatment options for brain aneurysms and ruptures. This research has the ability to lead to important advancements in medical knowledge, such as identifying new treatment methods, improving surgical techniques and developing innovative interventions.

The Charles Drake Clinical Fellowship in Neurovascular Therapy is a leading fellowship program in neurosurgical and endovascular techniques, completely funded by RAR.

Dr. Maria Bres Bullrich from Argentina is one of the fellows RAR supports. Throughout her time studying at LHSC, she has had the opportunity to learn about, diagnose and treat complex cerebrovascular pathologies. Additionally, through the program, she has had the opportunity to participate as an integral part of the system of care, being able to actively participate in the neurovascular clinic and diagnostic and interventional cases.

Thanks to the funds raised over the last **eight years**, RAR supports two fellowship programs at LHSC, resulting in **five** new quality assessment projects and **four** new clinical trials.

These crucial funds also help raise much-needed awareness for brain aneurysms, their symptoms – and their risk factors. This awareness helps ensure people are able to recognize the warning signs, leading to earlier diagnosis – giving patients a better chance at survival.

"This fellowship has been critical for my career. Not only has it taught me one of the most important skills, being able to understand the specialty from different perspectives but also, the opportunity to do clinical research and quality assessment projects in order to optimize patient care at London Health Sciences Centre."

Dr. Maria Bres Bullrich
LHSC

THANK YOU RUNNING AGAINST RUPTURES

RAR's fundraising for brain aneurysms has had a profound impact on research advancements, awareness, patient support, medical infrastructure, community engagement and collaborative efforts. These initiatives are crucial in enhancing our understanding, improving early detection, developing effective treatments and providing support for those affected.

By investing in fundraising efforts like RAR, we can make significant strides towards reducing the burden of brain aneurysms on individuals, families and our community.

Your commitment builds resilience.



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