Amgen Canada

Amgen applies science and innovation to help fight serious illness and dramatically improve people’s lives. With Canadian headquarters located in Mississauga’s vibrant biomedical cluster, and a research facility in Burnaby, British Columbia, Amgen’s Canadian affiliate has been an important contributor to Canada’s biotechnology sector since 1991.

Amgen serves patients throughout Canada by delivering vital medicines to them. In addition, Amgen contributes to the development of new therapies or new uses for existing medicines in partnership with many of Canada’s leading healthcare, academic, research, government and patient organizations. Today, tens of thousands of Canadians use Amgen medicines every year, and thousands more are enrolling in Amgen clinical studies that deliver the next generation of innovation.

**Commitment to Improve Canada’s Healthcare System**

As a global leader in developing and delivering breakthrough biologic medicines that improve the health and well-being of patients dealing with serious illnesses, Amgen is committed to working with Canada’s federal and provincial governments and other stakeholders to develop practical, cost-effective and long-term ways to sustain and improve Canada’s healthcare system. Biologic medicines have the ability to change the practice of medicine like never before, and Amgen welcomes the opportunity to work together with patients, doctors, researchers, industry, healthcare practitioners and government to find healthcare solutions that are in the best interests of all Canadians.

**An Integral Part of the Canadian Economy**

Named one of Canada’s Top 100 Corporate R&D Spenders in 2018 and Employer of the Year by the Mississauga Board of Trade in 2021, Amgen understands the importance of its operations to the continuing growth and success of the bioscience industries in Canada. The company’s efforts in clinical operations, sales and marketing and other areas play a part in strengthening the Greater Toronto Area biotechnology cluster of companies, government and educational institutions and in growing Canada’s leadership in biotechnology. As the region’s biosciences sector has grown, Amgen has grown its own business in Canada, creating over 400 new jobs and introducing innovative medicines to Canadian healthcare providers and patients.

Amgen British Columbia, one of several research facilities operated by Amgen, specializes in the discovery and development of human therapeutic antibodies. In 2006, the research center, located in Burnaby, became part of Amgen. It currently employs approximately 95 people, including research scientists and support staff.

**HISTORY IN CANADA**

1991 – Amgen Canada founded in Mississauga
1992 – Launch of NEUPOGEN®
2002 – Launches of Aranesp®
2004 – Launch of Neulasta® and Sensipar®
2005 – Kepivance® approved for use in Canada
2006 – Amgen acquires Abgenix, Inc., including its Burnaby R&D group
2008 – Launch of Vectibix®
2009 – Launch of Nplate®
2010 – Launch of Proliatm
2011 – Launch of XGEVA®
2015 – Launch of Repatha®
2016 – Launch of BLINCYTO®
2016 – Launch of KYPROLIS®
2019 – Launch of MVASI®
2019 – Launch of EVENITY®
2020 – Amgen acquires Otezla®
2020 – Launch of KANJINTI®
2020 – Launch of AVSOLA®
2021 – Launch of RIABNI™
2021 – Launch of AMGEVITA®
2021 – Launch of LUMAKRAS™
AMGEN MEDICINES AVAILABLE
IN CANADA

Oncology
Aranesp® (darbepoetin alfa)
Neulasta® (pegfilgrastim)
NEUPOGEN® (filgrastim)
Vectibix® (panitumumab)
XEVA® (denosumab)
BLINCYTO® (blinatumomab)
KYPROLIS® (carfilzomib)
MVASI® (bevacizumab)
KANJINTI® (trastuzumab)
RIABNI™ (rituximab)
LUMAKRAS™ (sotorasib)

Hematology
Nplate® (romiplostim)

Nephrology
Aranesp® (darbepoetin alfa)
Sensipar® (cinacalcet)

Inflammation
Enbrel® (etanercept)
Otezla® (apremilast)
AVSOLA® (infliximab)
RIABNI™ (rituximab)
AMGEVITA® (adalimumab)

Bone Health
Prolia® (denosumab)
EVENITY® (romosozumab)

Cardiology
Repatha® (evolocumab)

ABOUT AMGEN
Amgen is committed to unlocking the potential of biology for patients suffering from serious illnesses by discovering, developing, manufacturing and delivering innovative human therapeutics. This approach begins by using tools like advanced human genetics to unravel the complexities of disease and understand the fundamentals of human biology.

Amgen focuses on areas of high unmet medical need and leverages its biologics manufacturing expertise to strive for solutions that improve health outcomes and dramatically improve people’s lives. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen has grown to be one of the world’s largest independent biotechnology companies, has reached millions of patients around the world and is developing a pipeline of medicines with breakaway potential.

For more information, visit amgen.ca and follow us on twitter.com/AmgenCanadaGM

Clinical Trials
Amgen Canada conducts a significant number of clinical trials with leading academic research institutions, hospitals, and clinics throughout Canada. Amgen Canada’s Development Operations team, working with colleagues around the world, participates in Amgen global clinical programs spanning phases 1-4 in oncology, hematology, inflammation, bone health, cardiology, metabolic disorders and neurology. Since 1994, more than 17,000 Canadian subjects have been enrolled in the Amgen clinical trials. Currently, over 350 subjects are enrolled in the 38 active trials at approximately 120 centres across Canada. A list of Amgen’s clinical trials can be found on www.clinicaltrials.gov.

Research and Development
Named one of Canada’s Top 100 R&D spenders in 2018, Amgen Canada is committed to furthering the innovative research sector in Canada. On an annual basis, Amgen invests approximately CAD $70 million into R&D in Canada, such as advisory boards, congresses and publications—and on building research infrastructure in Canada.

Community Involvement
At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Amgen Canada staff committed their time as volunteers, delivering meals, making masks and working in their healthcare provider capacities delivering care. Amgen Canada contributed funding to help patient groups and community organizations provide the virtual care and education support to vulnerable populations both in the healthcare environment and in the children’s virtual learning environment. The company also donated supplies and free medicines. The impact of the 2020 commitment was over a million dollars.

Winner of the BIOTECanada Gold Leaf Award and the Mississauga Board of Trade Award in recognition of the company’s contribution to communities, Amgen is proud to contribute to many philanthropic efforts in the community. Amgen supports numerous education initiatives in partnership with patient groups—initiatives that help Canadian patients and caregivers through the cancer journey and in navigating their treatment landscape be it in bone health, kidney disease or autoimmune disorders.

Amgen is committed to raising the value of science literacy in the community; attracting bright young minds into the field of science by helping educators to teach more effectively; and improving access to science resources for teachers, students and the community at large. Since 2010, Amgen Canada has supported the non-profit group Let’s Talk Science, in the development and release of a series of research reports which highlight the importance of science learning for students, parents, teachers and the economy. As a science-based company, Amgen also understands the benefits of science education, how critical STEM is to jobs and how science can power Canada’s future prosperity and success for our youth. This is why Amgen is also proud to support Let’s Talk Science’s latest initiative, Canada 2067, a nation building exercise focused on fostering a STEM culture in Canada and a new vision for education. For more information on the Spotlight on Science Learning research reports and Canada 2067, visit letstalkscience.ca/research-publications.

Amgen also dedicates substantial resources to strengthen and enrich the community in Peel Region and beyond where staff live and work. Amgen Canada supports, Visions of Science Network for Learning, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, Start2Finish, and is a National Heath Partner of the Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation of Canada.

Further, as a leading member of the biotechnology sector, Amgen funds various members within this community including The University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Masters of Biotechnology program as well as providing the sponsorship for a Discovery Professorship in Health System Strategy at UTM, an Amgen Canada Fellowship in Biotechnology and a Professorship in Sustainable Healthcare at UBC’s School of Pharmacy. Amgen is also an active member of BIOTECanada and Innovative Medicines Canada.

Four Amgen Foundation global programs are now reaching teachers and students in Canada: the Amgen Scholars Program through the University of Toronto, The Amgen Biotech Experience Canada through the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), LabXchange, a science learning digital platform developed in partnership with Harvard University, and a three-year commitment as exclusive biology content funder of Khan Academy, a free, online learning website.