

# **Cost of FASD**

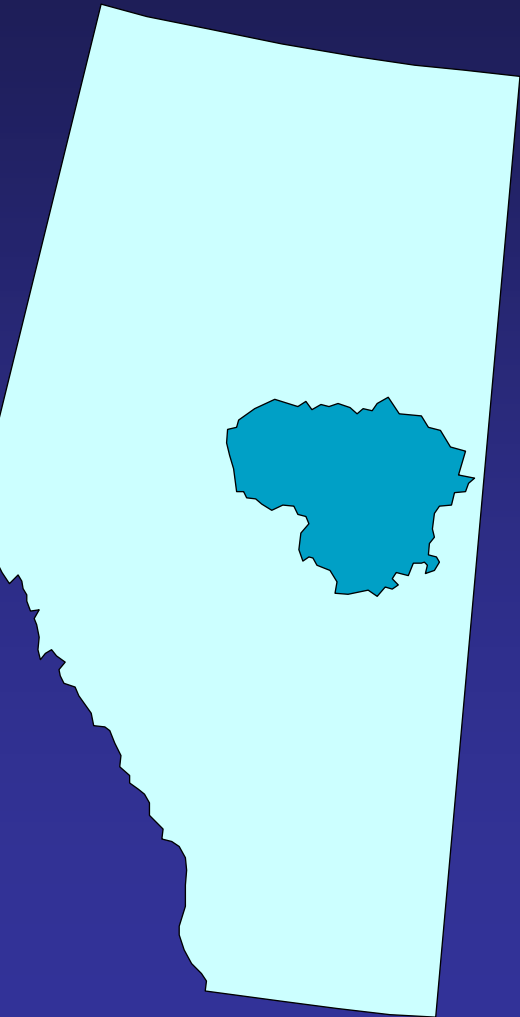
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# Canada

Population 35 million



# Comparing Lithuania and Alberta in Canada



Lithuania

Alberta

Population

3 million

4 million

Area

65,000 km<sup>2</sup>

660,000

Health expenditure per capita USD 2012

860

6,000

# Prevalence of FASD

For a long time it has been assumed that the prevalence is 1% of the population, and that we have about 350.000 people living with FASD in Canada

Recent research show that the prevalence is 2 - 5% in some countries

The prevalence is even higher in populations living with challenging social determinants of health

# Types of costs of FASD

- ❑ Health care
- ❑ Social services
- ❑ Educational
- ❑ Legal
- ❑ Correctional services
- ❑ Out of pocket costs
- ❑ Productivity losses

# Percent distribution of cost of FASD

Health care	30
Educational services	24
Social services	19
Correctional services	13
Other	14

# Examples of costly health interventions for newborns with FASD

From Abel 1987, 1991; Harwood 1985; Klug 2003; Stade 2006, 2009,2009;Fuchs 2009; Thanh/Jonsson/Jacobs 2009, Jonsson 2010

- ❑ Neonatal intensive care
- ❑ Heart defects
- ❑ Spinal cord defects
- ❑ Cleft palate
- ❑ Hearing loss
- ❑ Hernia
- ❑ Kidney failure
- ❑ Hypospadias
- ❑ Hospitalizations
- ❑ Emergency room visits
- ❑ Specialist visits
- ❑ Other health care visits
- ❑ Prescription drugs

# Cost of FASD in Canada 2009

	<u>In CAD</u>
❑ Total annual cost	7.6 billion*
❑ Life time cost per case	1.8 million
❑ Annual cost per case of FASD	25,000

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\*Source: Clarren, Salmon, Jonsson; Prevention of FASD –who is responsible? Wiley Blackwell 2011  
Includes cost of health, education, social and correction services, but excludes other cost of the legal system



# Annual direct cost of healthcare only for selected diseases and FASD in Canada 2009

<u>Annual direct healthcare cost</u>	<u>CAD</u>
❑ Respiratory diseases	4.8 billion
❑ All forms of cancer	4.7 billion
❑ FASD	2.1 billion

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Includes cost of hospitalization, physicians, and drugs .

Source: Patra J. et al., 2010 (discounted to 2009) and Clarren, Salmon, Jonsson 2010

# Direct annual cost of health care only for selected diseases and of FASD in Alberta, 2009

CAD

❑ Cardiovascular diseases CVD	774 million
❑ FASD	230 million
❑ Type 2 diabetes	156 million
❑ Lung cancer	122 million

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Source: Patra et al. 2010 (discounted to 2009) and Clarren, Salmon, Jonsson  
2010

# **Cost of FASD in Alberta 2014**

- ❑ Total cost 820 million dollars per year.  
= *205 million dollars per million population*
- ❑ Total cost per individual over life time is 1.8 million dollars.
- ❑ Annual cost per individual with FASD is 25,000 dollars.
- ❑ The incremental life time cost is 800,000 dollars

# What is the net social return on investment in prevention of FASD?

\$ 800,000 for each prevented case

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This is what is called the opportunity cost,  
which demonstrates lost opportunities of  
investing in other needed areas.