



SERGE PAYER FOUNDATION FACT SHEET

Serge Payer was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) early 1999 while playing junior hockey with the Kitchener Rangers of the Ontario Hockey League. This disorder is a rare but serious acute paralytic neurological disease. Following his experience, in a public message, Serge stated: "It is my hope to raise general awareness of Guillain-Barré Syndrome and help people who are afflicted with this debilitating illness. Ultimately, I'd like to do whatever I can to help fund research, new treatments and a cure for this disease". Serge continues his mission by encouraging participation in sponsored events and by offering victims an opportunity to share their experiences.

- **Guillain-Barré (Ghee-yan Bah-ray) Syndrome, also called acute inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy and Landry's ascending paralysis, is an inflammatory disorder of the peripheral nerves - those outside the brain and spinal cord.**
- **It is characterized by the rapid onset of weakness and, often, paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles and face.**
- **GBS is the most common cause of rapidly acquired paralysis in the United States today, affecting one to two people in every 100,000 regardless of age, gender or race.**
- **The majority of patients eventually return to a normal or near normal lifestyle, but many endure a protracted recovery and some remain wheelchair-bound indefinitely.**
- **The cause of GBS is not known.**
- **There is NO cure for GBS.**

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