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Dr. Patrick McGrath receives HealthCareCAN's prestigious *Legacy of Leadership* Award

OTTAWA (June 7, 2016) - HealthCareCAN is proud to announce Dr. Patrick McGrath as the recipient of its very first *Legacy of Leadership* award. Dr. McGrath is the Integrated Vice President, Research and Innovation at IWK Health Centre in Halifax and Nova Scotia Health Authority. The prestigious award recognizes exceptional individuals who have made long-lasting and outstanding contributions to advancing Canada's health system and have demonstrated significant and sustained commitment toward the enhancement of the health of Canadians.

"Dr. McGrath embodies the very best in leadership and has made a recognizably significant and lasting impact on the Canadian health system at the national level," said George Weber, President and CEO of the Royal Ottawa Hospital and member of the Board of Directors of HealthCareCAN.

As Vice-President of Research and Innovation, he created "Translating Research into Care" grants - a partnership amongst clinician scientists, administrators, patients, the QEII and IWK Foundations. He was instrumental in the development of BIOTIC, a translational imaging research facility and the IWK Research Registry to enable patient participation in research. Dr. McGrath is also a professor of Science, Pediatrics, Community Health and Epidemiology and Psychiatry at Dalhousie University where he founded and led for over a decade, the clinical psychology PhD program.

He created the not for profit Strongest Families Institute that delivers mental health care to thousands of families across Canada, Finland and Vietnam. His research has helped inform pediatric pain internationally. Dr. McGrath has published over 290 peer reviewed papers, 50 book chapters and 14 books. He has received national and international awards and recognitions for his leadership, research, mentoring and advocacy including being appointed Officer of the Order of Canada, and elected Fellow, Royal Society of Canada and Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. In 2013 he was co-winner of the Principal Award of the Manning Foundation for the best innovation in Canada for the Strongest Families Institute.

The award was presented at the 2016 National Health Leadership Conference on June 7, 2016 in Ottawa, Ontario.

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