

# Press Release

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## **CAMH and BC Children’s Hospital to Showcase Leading Patient Safety Practices at National Health Leadership Conference**



May 22, 2018 (Ottawa) – Two teams from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and BC Children’s Hospital (an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority) will present their leading practices in patient engagement for patient safety at the National Health Leadership Conference (NHLC) on June 5<sup>th</sup> in St. John’s NL. The two teams, each formed by a patient partner and a health leader, have been chosen as part of a new recognition program called the Excellence in Patient Engagement for Patient Safety Recognition Program.

Developed in partnership by the [Canadian Patient Safety Institute](#) (CPSI), [HealthCareCAN](#) and [Health Standards Organization](#) (HSO) with support from [Patients for Patient Safety Canada](#), the new annual program aims to identify, celebrate and disseminate leading practices in patient engagement for patient safety. A number of additional leading practices, identified through the nomination and scoring process, will also be identified each year and added to HSO’s Leading Practices Library.



The program provides all travel expenses and full registration to NHLC for members of the selected teams. The team from CAMH will present on its *Successful Patient Engagement in Development of Identification Strategies to Improve Medication Safety* and the team from BC Children’s Hospital will present on its *Patient’s View: Engaging Patients and Families in Patient Safety Incident Reporting*.



In addition, teams from the following organizations have been formally identified and celebrated as leading practices and added to HSO’s Leading Practices Library:

- Alberta Health Services
- Provincial Health Services Authority (BC Patient Safety & Learning System (BCPSLS))
- Health Quality Council, Saskatchewan
- Kidney Health, Saskatchewan Health Authority
- BC Children’s Hospital (an agency of PHSA)
- Eastern Health Newfoundland
- Holland Bloorview
- Montfort Hospital
- McMaster Children’s Hospital Hamilton Health Sciences
- BC Autism Assessment Network, Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children, BC Children’s Hospital
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Health Quality Ontario
- Fraser Health



Descriptions of these initiatives will be available on the HSO website by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The partners are excited to continue working together to further advance exceptional patient safety work through partnership with patients and families.

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## Quotes

“Clearly patient engagement and patient safety are becoming more and more embedded in our organizations’ cultures. The quality of submissions we have received is outstanding and having them be part of a leading practices database will go a long way to promote excellence and spread across the country.”

**Paul-Émile Cloutier**, President and CEO of HealthCareCAN.



“We have promoted patient engagement in patient safety at every level of the healthcare system, both across Canada and around the world, since our beginning in 2003. With their emphasis on demonstrating what works and strengthening commitment to patient safety, these Leading Practice teams are ideal examples of our own vision, in which Canada has the safest healthcare in the world.”

**Chris Power**, CEO, Canadian Patient Safety Institute



“The leading practices from CAMH and the BC Children’s Hospital truly reflect our organization’s mission and how a people-centered approach to care improves patient safety” says. People Powered Health™ is at the core of our work nationally and internationally. We are delighted, along with our partners, to present these two organizations with our Leading Patient Safety Practices Award and celebrate how these health leaders have demonstrated positive change from co-designing and engaging with patients.”

**Leslee Thompson**, CEO of Health Standards Organization and Accreditation Canada



“As a patient partner who contributed to the 2018 program, and as a reviewer of leading practices, I am proud to see how much progress there is in patient engagement in patient safety across Canada. I tell others about those great practices and encourage them to implement them in their own teams and organizations. There is no time to wait - we need to do everything in our power to make care as safe as possible as soon as possible. This is Patients for Patient Safety Canada's pledge for partnership.”

**Bernie Weinstein**, member of Patients for Patient Safety Canada

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## About HealthCareCAN:

HealthCareCAN is the national voice of healthcare organizations and hospitals across Canada. We foster informed and continuous, results-oriented discovery and innovation across the continuum of healthcare. We act with others to enhance the health of the people of Canada; to build the capability for high quality care; and to help ensure value for money in publicly financed, healthcare programs. [www.healthcarecan.ca](http://www.healthcarecan.ca)

## About Canadian Patient Safety Institute:

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) is a not-for-profit organization that exists to raise awareness and facilitate implementation of ideas and best practices to achieve a transformation in patient safety. Funded by Health Canada, CPSI reflects the desire to close the gap between the healthcare we have and the healthcare we deserve. [www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca](http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca)

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## **About HSO:**

Health Standards Organization (HSO) builds world-class standards and innovative assessment programs, new technologies and activation services for accreditation bodies, governments, associations and others. Our standards are designed in partnership with clinicians, policy makers, technical experts and patients to ensure they provide effective health services and overall value. We create global standards that help people in their local jurisdictions save and improve lives. [www.healthstandards.org](http://www.healthstandards.org)



## **About Patients for Patient Safety Canada:**

Patients for Patient Safety Canada is a patient-led program of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and the Canadian arm of the World Health Organization's Patients for Patient Safety programme. We are the voice of the patient and bring our safety experiences to help improve patient safety at all levels in the health system.

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