



## News Release

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### **New CEO at the CHEO Research Institute**

OTTAWA - The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), the CHEO Research Institute (CHEO RI), the CHEO Foundation, and the University of Ottawa are proud to announce that Dr. Martin H. Osmond will take the helm of the CHEO RI, a leading institution which coordinates the research activities for over 300 scientists and clinicians focused on finding the best treatments for children and youth. Dr. Osmond has been appointed CEO and scientific director of the CHEO RI and vice-president of research at CHEO. Dr. Osmond, MD, CM, FRCPC, director of Clinical Research, CHEO RI, and associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Ottawa, will assume the prestigious post, effective November 16, 2009.

Dr. Osmond will oversee research activity that spans diverse areas, such as cancer, obesity, emergency and critical care medicine, as well as molecular biomedicine, mental health and eHealth. In his role, Dr. Osmond will promote collaborative research with local and international scientific partners.

Dr. Osmond takes over from Dr. Alex MacKenzie, M.D. Ph.D., professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Ottawa and attending physician at CHEO, who held the position for the past 10 years.

"We're very excited to see how Dr. Osmond - who ushers in a new, youthful energy - will build upon the great accomplishments of his predecessor, Dr. MacKenzie," said James A. Morrissey, chair of the CHEO RI's board of directors. "We trust that he will take the CHEO RI to the next level and help its researchers reach new heights in terms of innovation and discoveries."

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“Research is a very important part of CHEO’s mandate - the better the research, the better care we can provide to the children and youth of our community,” said Michel Bilodeau, president and chief executive officer, CHEO. “I know that we have chosen the right man for the job and I’m confident that he will use his tenure as vice-president of research to continue to build on the CHEO RI’s reputation as a nationally and internationally competitive research facility.”

“I welcome the opportunity to help guide the CHEO RI, its staff and investigators, and to attract new talent to our world-class facilities,” said Dr. Osmond. “Here at the CHEO RI, we have the amazing opportunity to mix clinical practice with innovative medical research all with the goal of improving the health of children locally, nationally and around the world. It is a privilege to work with such a devoted and outstanding team of investigators.”

“We look forward to working with Dr. Osmond,” stated Professor Mona Nemer, Vice-President (Research) at the University of Ottawa. “The CHEO RI is an important member of our health research network, and Dr. Osmond, a well-respected clinician-scientist who will help translate basic discoveries into improved care to the community. I have no doubt that he will increase the Research Institute’s profile.”

Dr. Osmond obtained his medical degree at McGill University’s Faculty of Medicine, did his family medicine residency at the Ottawa Civic Hospital and his pediatric residency at CHEO. He was also a pediatric emergency Fellow at CHEO.

Through the CHEO Foundation's BIG STEPS \$25 million campaign, CHEO hopes to expand the current capacity of its Research Institute for leading-edge research to improve the health care of pediatric patients in our community. The four areas of investment into research are: pediatric cancer, childhood obesity, mental health and clinical research.

**About the CHEO Research Institute:** Established in 1984, the [CHEO Research Institute](#) coordinates the research activities of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and is one of the institutes associated with the University of Ottawa Teaching Hospitals. The Research Institute brings together health professionals from within CHEO to share their efforts in solving paediatric health problems. It also promotes collaborative research outside the hospital with partners from the immediate community, industry and the international scientific world.

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