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Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College and University of Toronto Sign an Historic Memorandum of Understanding to Explore Education and Research Collaborations

Toronto, December 9, 2014: The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) has signed an official Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Toronto (U of T), through the Faculty of Medicine, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, and the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education to explore education and research collaborations.

The Memorandum, a first between the two institutions, will provide opportunities to foster cooperative relationships in areas of research and education. This cooperation could be realized in such areas as research and joint applications for funding; joint educational courses; graduate and undergraduate student mobility; exchange of faculty and participation in, and co-hosting of lectures, meetings, seminars, symposia and conferences.

"We are delighted to have reached this historic moment between our two institutions. CMCC is deeply committed to developing meaningful partnerships with health care professionals and educators of all disciplines to study ways and models to improve the care and ultimately the health of our patients. We look forward to developing many collaborative activities with our colleagues at the University of Toronto," commented CMCC President Dr. David J. Wickes.

"Collaboration between the Faculty of Medicine and CMCC shows our commitment to expanding research and educational opportunities across the health care spectrum," said Professor Catharine Whiteside, U of T's Dean of Medicine and Vice-Provost, Relations with Healthcare Institutions. "We're delighted to partner with an organization committed to improving health with an evidence-based approach."

The agreement between CMCC and the three U of T faculties is an important step forward in advancing research initiatives. "This agreement formalizes research collaborations which have been ongoing between the two institutions for many years," said Professor Heather Boon, Dean of U of T's Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. "We look forward to continuing to collaborate on studies that answer important health system and patient care questions."

"Our scientists are already engaged in some research collaborations with CMCC colleagues and many of our students use their undergraduate kinesiology degrees as a foundation for subsequent studies in a variety of health disciplines, including chiropractic," said Professor Ira Jacobs, Dean of U of T's Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education. "We look forward to expanding our collaborative health science education and research network to include CMCC."

Instrumental in bringing this agreement to fruition is Dr. Silvano Mior, CMCC research scientist and Senior Advisor to the President. Mior spearheaded this important partnership as well as many other such initiatives that continue to build models of collaboration between academic institutions and between chiropractors and physicians in the community primary health care setting.

“We have worked collaboratively with a number of U of T faculty in areas of research and education. This agreement is an acknowledgement of the quality of that work and provides a wonderful opportunity to expand into new areas of mutual benefit,” added Dr. Mior.

About CMCC

The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College is recognised for creating leaders in spinal health. With graduates practicing in 37 countries and faculty who are leaders in their fields, CMCC delivers world class chiropractic education, research, and patient care. The campus features modern teaching and laboratory space, including new simulation and biomechanics laboratories, and is extended across Toronto through its network of community based interprofessional clinics that serve diverse patient populations. CMCC offers a four-year undergraduate program leading to a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree. This degree program is offered under the written consent of Ontario's Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities for the period from 24/3/11 to 24/3/21. For more information, visit www.cmcc.ca or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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Front Row (L to R): Heather Boon, Dean, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, U of T, David J. Wickes, President, CMCC; Catharine Whiteside, Dean of Medicine and Vice-Provost Relations with Healthcare Institutions, U of T
Back Row (L to R): Silvano Mior, Senior Advisor to the President, CMCC, Lynda Balneaves, Director, Centre for Integrative Medicine U of T, Maurine Kwok, Project Manager, Integrative Medicine, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy & Faculty of Medicine U of T. Not pictured: Professor Ira Jacobs, Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education.