Deputy Minister, Colin Andersen, Ontario Ministry of Finance, to Speak at Launch of Academic Hospitals’ Group Purchasing Initiative

TORONTO - On Wednesday, May 7, 2008, Ontario Deputy Minister of Finance, Colin Andersen, will address an audience gathered to mark the official launch of a capital equipment group purchasing initiative involving Ontario's 25 academic hospitals.

Annually, Ontario hospitals spend over $300 million on capital equipment such as diagnostic imaging and laboratory machines. The purchasing process for capital equipment is largely fragmented across hospitals. Hospitals are partnering to purchase equipment through a group purchasing process. This initiative marks a significant step for hospitals and suppliers towards the achievement of cost savings and increased efficiency.

The launch event will be chaired by Joseph Mapa, President and CEO of Mount Sinai Hospital. Other notable executives from academic hospitals across Ontario will also be in attendance.

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2008
Time: 1:30 pm
Location: Mount Sinai Hospital
600 University Ave. Toronto. ON.
Auditorium (18th floor)

Speakers: Colin Andersen, Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Finance
Joseph Mapa, President and CEO, Mount Sinai Hospital
John King, Chief Administrative Officer, St. Michael’s Hospital
Sarah Friesen, Vice President of Operations, Plexxus

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