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Tony Dagnone is an indefatigable contributor to national, provincial, regional and local healthcare organizations – more often as a leader than not. This year he holds the Chair of the Ontario Hospital Association. We asked him: What should we look for in a leader and what kind of vision should they bring to set the agenda for the future?

“Hospitals are recognized by management gurus as the most complex organizations to manage effectively. Hospital boards and executives are bombarded by a continual flow of challenges to sustain organizations that are fiscally and operationally healthy. Current challenges, whether learning from our experiences with SARS or integrating regional cancer centres, illustrate the need for hospital leaders to foster collaborative decision making and demonstrate a mastery of change manage skills. Success requires that hospital leaders have the capabilities to build coalitions and create strategic partnerships that benefit all aspects of the healthcare sector across Ontario.”

Tony Dagnone is Chief Executive Officer of the London Health Sciences Centre. Prior to joining University Hospital, Mr. Dagnone spent 25 years at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, including 15 years as President and Chief Executive Officer.

He is a fellow of both the American and Canadian College of Health Service Executives. An Order of Canada was granted to Mr. Dagnone in 1992 for his work in the community and his leadership in health care. He regularly presides over the Citizenship Court in London and in 2003, was awarded the Queen’s Jubilee Medal.