

Appointments

New Deputy Minister Appointments at MOHLTC

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty has announced new deputy minister appointments, including Saäd Rafi as the deputy minister and David Hallett as the associate deputy minister of health and long-term care.

Saäd Rafi was previously the deputy minister of energy and infrastructure. He brings extensive senior executive public and private sector experience to the challenges and opportunities at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). Rafi's previous experience in the Ontario Public Service includes roles as deputy minister of transportation and deputy minister of community safety. He has also held several senior economic portfolio roles in the Ontario SuperBuild Corporation, Cabinet Office and Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. Prior to returning to the Ontario Public Service in September 2008, Rafi was a partner and national leader of infrastructure advisory and project finance with Deloitte and Touche Canada LLP. Rafi holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology, an honours bachelor of arts degree in law and criminology and a master's degree in public administration from Carleton University.

David Hallett is a results-oriented, senior-level executive with extensive transformational experience acquired over 15 years of working in the private sector and 10 years in the public sector. Prior to assuming the position of associate deputy minister with MOHLTC, Hallett was associate deputy minister of Ontario Shared Services at the Ministry of Government Services from July 2004 to December 2009. Most recently, Hallett joined eHealth Ontario in June 2009 as chief operating officer on an interim basis. Over a seven-month period, he worked with the board, two interim chief executive officers (CEOs) and a new executive management team to effectively address a very difficult and challenging business environment facing the agency. Hallett holds a master's degree in business administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario and an honours degree in business administration from Algonquin College in Ottawa, Ontario.

PRHC Board Announces Hospital's New President and CEO

The board of directors of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) is pleased to



announce that Ken Tremblay will be the hospital's next president and CEO, effective February 1, 2010. Tremblay comes to PRHC from the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, where he has been president and CEO since 2003. Previously, he headed an executive search practice for physicians and healthcare executives and was also president and CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital, Brantford; York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill; and St. Boniface General Hospital, a teaching hospital in Winnipeg.

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### Rick Hansen Institute: CEO Announcement



The Rick Hansen Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Barrable as CEO. Barrable was co-founder of Natalus Life Science Capital (VCC) Ltd. and entrepreneur-in-residence at Simon Fraser University. He was the chief executive of British Columbia

Transplant from 1994 to 2009, during which time it received the Canada Award for Excellence from the National Quality Institute. Barrable is the founding chair of the board of directors of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Queen's University and a master's degree in health science from the University of Toronto.

### Dr. Robert Peterson Appointed Executive Director of CIHR's Drug Safety and Effectiveness Network

Dr. Alain Beaudet, president of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert Peterson, clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of British Columbia, as executive director of the Drug Safety and Effectiveness Network (DSEN) effective January 4, 2010. DSEN will respond to decision-makers' drug safety and effectiveness information needs and increase capacity within Canada to undertake high-quality research in this area. New evidence generated via DSEN will inform decision-making about the regulation, public reimbursement and safe and optimal prescribing and use of drugs within the Canadian healthcare system.

## CIHI's New Appointments



The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is pleased to announce two new appointments: John Wright has joined the organization as its new president and CEO, and Jeremy Veillard will be joining CIHI in the Toronto office May 1 as vice-president of research and analysis.

John Wright has more than 30 years of public sector experience, including being deputy minister of health and deputy minister of finance for the government of Saskatchewan. He also served as president and CEO of several Crown agencies including SaskPower, Crown Investments Corporation and Saskatchewan Government Insurance.

Jeremy Veillard has extensive professional experience in the health industry in Europe and in Canada. Veillard is currently the regional adviser for health policy and equity at the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe and is the lead for health system performance assessment. Previously, he worked at the Ontario MOHLTC as the lead of the Health Results Team for Information Management – with the measuring performance for change strategy component – and with WHO as policy adviser in charge of hospital reforms, WHO Regional Office for Europe. He also has experience in hospital management in France, where he was vice-president of human resources and quality improvement.

## St. Mary's Hospital and McGill Give Family Medicine in Quebec a Boost

St. Mary's Hospital Center (SMHC) strengthens its proficiency and its reputation for excellence in family medicine by welcoming the first McGill chair in family and community medicine research. The chairholder is Dr. Jeannie Haggerty, an international expert in the evaluation of health-care services, who took up her new position at SMHC on January 4, 2010. Dr. Haggerty is also an associate professor of family medicine at McGill University's Faculty of Medicine.

This new research chair will build on the existing expertise at SMHC, which has been recognized as one of Quebec's leaders in community-oriented care for more than 30 years. It will also improve the quality of the services offered by suggesting innovative solutions to help multidisciplinary teams work more efficiently, and to increase accessibility and delivery of care to ethnic minorities, for example.

## New Director of Nursing at McGill University Health Centre

Patty O'Connor has been named director of nursing and chief nursing officer of the McGill University Health Centre. O'Connor is an associate professor at the McGill School of Nursing, where she earned her BScN and MSc degrees, and from 1999 was director of neuroscience nursing. Patty was a fellow in the Canadian Health Service Research Foundation's Executive Training in Research Application program and in the Commonwealth Fund Harkness Program in Health Policy and Practice. Her research interests include innovation in interdisciplinary work redesign. She is past president of the Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses.

## Baycrest Announces New Vice-President of Clinical and Residential Programs and Chief Nursing Executive



Dr. Karima Velji will join Baycrest on April 5, 2010. She is currently vice-president of patient care and chief nursing executive at Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (Toronto Rehab). This new role is a combination of two previous positions (vice-president of quality, safety and

risk management and chief nursing executive and vice-president of clinical programs and collaborative practice). Dr. Velji will partner with the vice-president of medical services and chief of staff to advance patient care to the next level of excellence through a strong interdisciplinary approach and within a culture committed to scholarship.

At Toronto Rehab, Dr. Velji supervised the operations for seven clinical programs and services in five geographical sites in the Greater Toronto Area. She is the senior leader for patient safety, clinical ethics, education (including interprofessional education) and best practice, and leads the professional practice of all clinical disciplines at Toronto Rehab. She has a doctorate degree from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Nursing and is cross-appointed to the University of Toronto's Faculty of Nursing and McMaster University.

## Osler Announces New President and CEO

The board of directors of William Osler Health System is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Matthew Anderson to the position



of president and CEO of William Osler Health System. Anderson will commence his employment with the organization April 5, 2010.

Anderson has had an impressive management career in the health sector. He is currently CEO of the Toronto Central Local Health

Integrated Network (LHIN), where he has served for the past two years. Prior to joining the Toronto Central LHIN, Anderson was at the University Health Network for 10 years, where he held the positions of senior vice-president of performance and technology, vice-president and chief information officer. Anderson has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of New Brunswick as well as a master's degree in health science (administration) from the University of Toronto.

## Awards

### ACEN Scholarship Award



Kelly Merkeley, a Masters of Nursing student in the Family Nurse Practitioner program at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, is the recipient of the 2010 ACEN

Scholarship Award. Her nursing experience is varied and includes home care, surgery, postpartum and more

recently includes the role of Teen Clinic coordinator at Youville Centre for the past seven years. Her capstone paper for her Master's degree will build on a previously published paper, (Merkeley Keith, K., and D. Fraser Askin. 2008. "Effective Collaboration: The Key to Better Health Care." *Canadian Journal of Nursing Leadership* 21(2): 51-58) and will provide a review of the literature on Interprofessional Education (IPE) with a focus on how such initiatives can positively impact collaborative practice as well as an overview of enablers, barriers and gaps in knowledge related to IPE. Upon completed of her degree this year she plans to practice in a primary health care setting, and will continue to pursue her interest in adolescent and women's health

### The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, Awarded NGO Affiliation from the United Nations

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), has been approved as an associated non-governmental organization (NGO) by the Department of Public Information of the United Nations. This UN association demonstrates STTI's commitment to the UN Charter, which seeks to achieve international cooperation towards solving humanitarian and health issues.

Through this affiliation, STTI will continue to conduct outreach around the world to help its nurse members better understand the work and aims of the United Nations, including the Millennium Development Goals set to be achieved by 2015. These goals, which include improving maternal and child health and combating HIV/AIDS, lay the foundation for improving world health.

### CNA and CMA Announce Recipients of 2010 Media Awards for Health Reporting

The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) announced the recipients of the 2010 Media Awards for Health Reporting, Canada's premier health journalism awards. The CNA and CMA Media Awards honour outstanding Canadian journalism that enhances the understanding of health, the healthcare system and the role of health professionals. Independent panels of individuals with backgrounds in journalism, nursing, medicine and healthcare evaluate the entries. This year, they selected winners in eight categories out of a total of 141 submissions. Entries were evaluated based on fairness and balance, timeliness, insight, impact and quality of writing and production. For the complete list of this year's Media Awards, please visit the CNA's website at [http://www.cna-aic.ca/CNA/news/releases/public\\_release\\_e.aspx?id=256](http://www.cna-aic.ca/CNA/news/releases/public_release_e.aspx?id=256).

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