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Trillium Health Partners' Institute for Better Health Launches First-of-its-Kind Learning Health System Leadership Centre

Mississauga, ON — **October 16, 2025** – The Institute for Better Health at Trillium Health Partners is launching the Learning Health System Leadership Centre, the first of its kind in Canada to train and support leaders across the country to turn evidence into action for better health.

"The Learning Health System Leadership Centre will redefine what leadership in health care looks like – where evidence, data, and lived experience come together to create real, lasting improvement in people's lives," says Dr. Laura Rosella, Chief Scientist at Trillium Health Partners' Institute for Better Health. "By bringing together high-quality evidence, data, lived experience, and the principles of a learning health system, this centre will equip leaders at every level to make better decisions and build a proactive system of care centred on the needs of the community."

A <u>learning health system</u> is a health care system that continuously challenges the status quo – drawing real-world insights from research, data, and lived experiences to improve care now. In health systems everywhere, there's often a lag between knowing what works and putting it into practice. Developed at the Institute for Better Health, the leading <u>Learning Health System Action Framework</u> is being used across Canada to help other health systems move from evidence to action to impact. The result? Faster, smarter, more equity-centred health care. At Trillium Health Partners, this approach is already changing lives. For example, researchers are redesigning access to cataract surgery by combining patient insights with population-level data, making care more proactive, responsive, and inclusive.

The new Leadership Centre will take this work further – developing health care leaders who embed research in care, guided by community needs, grounded in real-world evidence, and focused on improving health and transforming the system. It will serve as a national hub for evidence-based leadership, ensuring that health system leaders are equipped with the compassion, courage, and excellence needed to guide Canada's evolving health system.

With the support of the <u>Trillium Health Partners Foundation</u>, the Centre will also recruit a Research Chair in Learning Health System Leadership, jointly appointed with the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, an Institute within the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health. This Chair will drive groundbreaking research, foster academic and practice-based collaboration, and ensure that learning health system principles are embedded into leadership training across Canada's largest community-based hospital and one of its leading public health institutions.

"The Learning Health System Leadership Centre is strongly aligned with the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation's mission to develop leaders who will drive meaningful health system transformation," says Audrey Laporte, Director of the Institute of Health Policy, Management

and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. "Together, we'll bridge academic excellence and real-world practice to strengthen leadership in Canada and shape the future of health care."

As part of the Centre's early work, the Institute for Better Health partnered with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health to pilot Canada's first *Learning Health Systems Academic Certificate Program*. Designed for health system leaders, the program provides practical tools to embed continuous learning, improvement, and equity in care and will expand as an accredited offering later this year.

The launch builds on the Institute for Better Health's track record as a national leader in learning health systems science. By focusing on the intersection of leadership, research, and lived experience, the Centre will generate new insights to strengthen decision-making and create real-world impact for patients and communities.

About Trillium Health Partners and the Institute for Better Health

Trillium Health Partners (THP) is one of Canada's largest community-based hospital systems, comprising Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital, and Queensway Health Centre. Serving the diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto, and surrounding communities, THP is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto, an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network, and part of Mississauga Health (Ontario Health Team). The Institute for Better Health at THP drives innovative research and practical solutions to enhance health service delivery and population health, supporting THP's mission to create a new kind of health care for a healthier community.

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