

## Press Release

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#### **ONTARIO HEALTH QUALITY COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW CEO**

TORONTO, CANADA (July 9, 2007) –On behalf of the Ontario Quality Health Council (OHQC), Ray Hession, Chair, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ben Chan to the position of CEO, effective November 1, 2007.

“Dr. Chan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in health care quality improvement and management,” said Hession. “He has been able to accomplish a great deal at Saskatchewan’s Health Quality Council and we look forward to his contribution to the work of the OHQC.”

Dr. Chan served as Saskatchewan’s Health Quality Council’s inaugural Chief Executive Officer. He is a former Senior Scientist with the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences and Assistant Professor at University of Toronto’s Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Chan received his BSc and MD from the University of Toronto, a Master of Public Health from Harvard and Master of Public Affairs from Princeton. In 2006, he was named Canada’s Outstanding Young Health Executive by the Canadian College of Health Service Executives. Under Dr. Chan’s leadership, Saskatchewan’s Health Quality Council was awarded that province’s Health Excellence Award for its pioneering work in improving chronic disease management, Intensive Care Unit patient safety, drug management in seniors, and other areas of care.

“This is a great opportunity to build on the lessons learned in Saskatchewan, to strengthen public reporting and support for continuous quality improvement in Ontario”, said Dr. Chan.

Created in September of 2005, the Ontario Health Quality Council reports annually to Ontarians on access to health services, health human resources, population health status and health system outcomes. The OHQC supports continuous quality improvement in Ontario’s health system.

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#### **About the OHQC**

The Ontario Health Quality Council is an independent agency funded by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The Council reports directly to Ontarians on access to publicly funded health services, human resources in health care, consumer and population health status, outcomes of the health system and ways of improving it. The Council reports in terms of nine attributes of a high performing health system for Ontario, namely the extent to which it is accessible, effective, safe, patient-centered, equitable, efficient, appropriately resourced, integrated and focused on population health. The Council is made up of 10 appointed members from across the province that have a diverse range of experience and expertise, including hospital governance, medicine, academic and research work, business, public and health policy, and aboriginal and community leadership.