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**TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS LAUNCHES ANNUAL ENDOWED LECTURE**

*Named after former Mississauga Mayor, featured world-renowned researcher  
Dr. Edward H. Wagner*

October 2, 2018 (Mississauga, ON) – Today, Trillium Health Partners (THP) hosted a first of its kind annual lecture in Mississauga, led by the hospital's research institute, the Institute for Better Health (IBH). Launched at the Medical Psychiatry Alliance (MPA) annual conference, the lecture was attended by patients, families, health care providers and educators from the community, as well as The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto and THP.

To honour the ongoing legacy of Hazel McCallion, whose vision, tenacity and fortitude has made THP a reality, the annual lecture has been named the ***Hazel McCallion Endowed Lecture in Shaping Healthier Communities***. Ms. McCallion has dedicated almost all of her life to making communities stronger and healthier and constantly reminds people and organizations to challenge the limits of what is possible and to work together to improve health outcomes.

Dr. Edward H. Wagner, world renowned researcher, gave the inaugural lecture where he spoke about bridging the gap between how we treat mental and physical health so we can improve overall quality of care. Dr. Wagner reflected that we must do more to improve the system to ensure patients are active in their care and decision-making.

Hazel McCallion offered her reflections as a community builder and highlighted the responsibility that everyone holds to support one another and look after each other. She spoke about the importance of partnerships and how Mississauga and in particular THP would not have been possible without working together.

Going forward, the *Hazel McCallion Endowed Lecture in Shaping Healthier Communities* will have a specific focus on the importance of integration and collaboration required to create a healthier community. The lecture will bring together researchers, clinicians, patients and community members to share cutting edge developments in health care research. It will engage on critical issues and challenges facing the health care system.

IBH will be inviting nationally and internationally acclaimed scientists and innovators to Mississauga to inspire thinking and action to advance approaches that improve the quality of care from all perspectives – patients and family, health care providers, and the broader health and social delivery system. The creation of this endowed lecture is an important step for THP and IBH, as they work to create *a new kind of health care for a healthier community*. In the hospital's recently released [Strategic Plan](#), THP commits to delivering high quality care and exceptional experiences, partnering for better health outcomes, and shaping a healthier tomorrow. As THP's research and innovation engine, IBH is a core enabler of this mission through the application of scientific expertise, innovative thinking and partnerships.

**QUOTES:**

*“At Trillium Health Partners our goal is to challenge the limits of what is possible for health and the human spirit with compassion, excellence and courage. As one of the visionaries of Trillium Health Partners, Hazel McCallion has worked tirelessly to support our hospital’s mission to create a new kind of health care for a healthier community.”*

Michelle DiEmanuele

President and CEO, Trillium Health Partners

*“The Hazel McCallion Endowed Lecture in Shaping Healthier Communities will create a forum for collaboration and learning among clinicians, academics, researchers and the broader community. This lecture is an important step in advancing our goal of improving community health through research and innovation. I look forward to welcoming our inaugural speaker, Dr. Edward H. Wagner, who I know will leave our community with thoughtful ideas for the future.”*

Dr. Robert Reid

Chief Scientist & Senior Vice President, Trillium Health Partners, Institute for Better Health

*“I am deeply moved to have Trillium Health Partners’ endowed lecture named in my honour. It is only by working together that we will be able to create stronger, healthier communities. I would like to thank the hospital for their relentless commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of the community and supporting a vision for the future of our great city.”*

Hazel McCallion

*“The health system is complex and there is no magic bullet that will lead to the best care, however patients must be active participants in their care and decision-making. It is only by listening and working together that each person will be able to reach their full potential. By creating forums like this new endowed lecture I am confident that we will be able to bridge the gap between treating mental and physical health.”*

Dr. Edward Wagner

Senior Investigator, Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute Director (Emeritus, Ret.), MacColl Centre for Health Care Innovation Emeritus Professor, Health Services, University of Washington

*“Patients, their families and those of us who provide care must break down the silos and treat the whole person, because mental health is health. Our government is committed to supporting those living with mental health challenges and the people who care for them, whether it’s in a hospital, community centre, school or as a first responder. Hazel McCallion has inspired generations of young people to be part of creating change and I know this new lecture named in her honour will inspire future generations in the years to come”*

Natalia Kusendova

Member of Provincial Parliament – Mississauga Centre

**About Trillium Health Partners:**

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a research and teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto Mississauga and the Mississauga Academy of Medicine. To learn more, visit: [www.trilliumhealthpartners.ca](http://www.trilliumhealthpartners.ca)

**About The Institute for Better Health:**

Trillium Health Partners (THP) established the Institute for Better Health (IBH) to advance a new kind of health care for a healthier community through scientific expertise, innovative approaches and partnerships. The IBH leads projects that are focused on health services research and population health, supports the advancement of research and innovation activities across THP, and creates diverse partnerships inside and outside the hospital, all to contribute to better health and health care. As an embedded research unit within one of the largest community-based hospitals in the country, IBH offers exciting opportunities to create, implement, test and share solutions that impact health in our community, province, country and beyond.

**About Dr. Edward H. Wagner:**

Dr. Wagner is a general internist/epidemiologist who retired in 2017 as Director Emeritus of the MacColl Center for Health Care Innovation at the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute and Emeritus Professor of Health Services at the University of Washington. He and his MacColl colleagues developed the Chronic Care Model (CCM), an integral part of the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), and the Care Coordination Model, and were involved in multiple efforts to study and improve primary care nationally and internationally. He has written two books and over 300 peer-reviewed publications. His honors include: election to membership in the National Academy of Medicine, the NCQA Health Care Quality Award, the Picker Institute Award for Excellence in Patient-centered Care, the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research, and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the National Association of Community Health Centers. Since retiring, he is devoting time to efforts to improve services for young people in crisis and adults with mental illness.

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