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**TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
FACULTY OF MEDICINE ANNOUNCE  
NEW VP EDUCATION AND ASSOCIATE DEAN**

(Mississauga, ON) – Trillium Health Partners and the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Medicine are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Alison Freeland as the new Vice President of Education and Associate Dean, Medical Education (Regional).

“Dr. Freeland is a respected leader, educator and physician, whose commitment to education and increasing access to care will be a tremendous asset to our organization,” said Trillium Health Partners President and CEO, Michelle DiEmanuele. “Trillium Health Partners is creating a new kind of health care for a healthier community and Dr. Freeland’s leadership will play a pivotal role in helping us deliver on that mission.”

“U of T Medicine is committed to delivering an outstanding educational experience for all of our students. Dr. Freeland will ensure that students learning at the Mississauga Academy of Medicine and training at Trillium Health Partners are well prepared to provide outstanding care to their patients,” said Professor Trevor Young, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Vice Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Freeland’s commitment to education and community outreach has been a consistent theme throughout her accomplished career. Most recently, she served as Associate Chief of Psychiatry of the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group and Associate Professor at the University of Ottawa, while also providing mental health outreach services to Ottawa’s inner city programs and shelters.

In her new role, Dr. Freeland will be responsible for the strategic leadership of education programs delivered at Trillium Health Partners, including medical education and health professions education. She will be focused on building strong relationships with community stakeholders and setting the vision and strategy for further integration of the Mississauga Academy of Medicine into the local community.

“As a learning organization we know that to improve our health care system we must invest in future professionals who will use new, team-based approaches to care,” said Trillium Health Partners’ Chief of Staff, Dr. Dante Morra. “Dr. Freeland’s passion for medical education within an interprofessional team will drive forward the innovative partnership between Trillium Health Partners and the U of T Faculty of Medicine to do just that.”

“I am honoured to be joining these organizations, who are leading the way in the teaching and delivery of health care,” said Dr. Freeland. “I look forward to building on the great work that is being done by this partnership and helping shape the future generation of health care providers.”

“This is yet one more way that U of T is contributing to the Mississauga community, and a great example of how our local community supports student learning in the western part of the Greater Toronto Area,” said Professor Deep Sani, Vice President of the University of Toronto and Principal of U of T Mississauga.



Trillium Health Partners signed its first affiliation with the University of Toronto in 2007. The Mississauga Academy of Medicine (MAM), one of four medical academies of the University of Toronto, opened its doors in 2011. It is a fully accredited satellite of the U of T medical school in collaboration with U of T Mississauga and Trillium Health Partners that connects the Faculty of Medicine with the largest community hospital in Canada. In June 2015, Trillium Health Partners and MAM will graduate the inaugural class of 53 medical students completing their education in Mississauga.

**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 teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto. Trillium Health Partners is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

**About University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine:**

The University of Toronto is at the heart of one of the great biomedical research, education and clinical care networks in the world. With nine fully affiliated hospitals and research institutes and 20 community-affiliated hospitals and clinical care sites, the University of Toronto is a research powerhouse that offers unparalleled opportunities for its 6,800 faculty and 7,000-plus students at all levels. Nearly half of Ontario's medical doctors and 25 per cent of all health and biomedical PhDs in Canada were trained at the University of Toronto, which consistently ranks among the top universities worldwide.

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