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Aiming to improve the safe delivery of care in community-based settings
'Dr. Chaim Bell is announced as new Applied Chair'

Edmonton, Canada – Dr. Chaim Bell (St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto) is the recipient of the 2008 Applied Health Services and Policy Chair award in Patient Safety in Community-Based Settings.

The award – jointly funded by The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) and the CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR) - provides \$925,000 over five years and will enable Dr. Bell to focus his research, training and knowledge translation initiatives on improving the safe delivery of care in community-based settings. Dr. Bell received the award for his proposal “Continuity of care between hospital and long-term care (LTC) facilities among seniors.”

“To improve and promote a culture of safety, greater collaboration is needed across all health sectors,” says Philip Hassen, CEO of CPSI. “Dr. Bell’s research will improve our knowledge of patient safety issues that arise during transition between acute care and long-term care facilities.”

The Applied Health Services and Policy Research Chairs program is designed to support innovative researchers committed to conducting high quality, applied, and policy-relevant health services and policy research.

“The creation of this Chair recognizes that patient safety is fundamental to healthcare quality. Policy-makers need research evidence on factors that impact the safety of healthcare delivery, as well as effective strategies to improve patient safety in community-based settings” said Dr. Colleen Flood, Scientific Director of CIHR-IHSPR.

To ensure the relevance and usefulness of their research for policy- and decision-makers, the researchers were also required to demonstrate a commitment to work closely with decision-makers. The successful researchers also had to demonstrate willingness to train and mentor graduate students and junior faculty.

“We are confident that Dr. Bell will make valuable contributions to this area of research and look forward to the impact of his work on patient safety across the care continuum,” said Dr. Alain Beaudet, President of CIHR.

The competition for awards under this program was very intense. Dr. Chaim Bell was the sole recipient of the Applied Chair in Patient Safety in Community-based Settings. “CIHR-IHSPR and CPSI are thrilled to be supporting such a high calibre researcher,” said Dr. Flood.

In addition to Dr. Chaim Bell’s Applied Chair in Patient Safety, six other Applied Chairs were funded. Information on the six other Chair awards is available on CIHR’s website at www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/37826.html



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The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) is an independent not-for-profit corporation, operating collaboratively with health professionals and organizations, regulatory bodies and governments to build and advance a safer healthcare system for Canadians. CPSI performs a coordinating and leadership role across health sectors and systems, promotes leading practices and raises awareness with stakeholders, patients and the general public about patient safety.

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