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The Canadian Patient Safety Institute's (CPSI) Board of Directors has successfully completed the recruitment of a new CEO to lead CPSI into the next decade.

Hugh MacLeod is committed to advancing the contributions of patient safety in Canadian healthcare, and to help CPSI continue to achieve the mandate of building a safer healthcare system. With a strong background in change management and strategic planning, Hugh has over 15 years of senior leadership experience, in government and healthcare, most recently as the Associate Deputy Minister to the Premier, Climate Change - Climate Change Secretariat for Ontario.

Hugh has brought success through his former positions as an Assistant Deputy Minister, Health System Accountability and Performance, and Executive Lead of the Premier's Health Results Team for the Province of Ontario; Interim President & CEO and Senior Vice President of Vancouver Coastal Health; as well as the Vice President, South Fraser Health Region.

Recognized as a published author and key-note speaker, Hugh is a senior executive who provides leadership and drives results in public service management, change management, governance, government policy and education. Hugh is driven by passion, respect, integrity and excellence.

The Board acknowledges and respects the unique culture that CPSI holds and is confident that Hugh is a leader who shares and will honour our traditions.

Throughout the entire recruitment process it was our main priority to find a CEO who is capable of advancing patient safety for Canadians and CPSI into the new decade.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Philip Hassen for his outstanding leadership over the past five years and wish Phil much success in his leadership position as President of the International Society for Quality and Safety in Health care (ISQua) and his work with The Canadian Network for International Surgery.

Hugh will begin his role as CEO starting on February 15, 2010, and will be based in Edmonton.

With regard,

Doug Cochrane  
CPSI Board Chair