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System Leaders Gather to Drive Improvement in Key Health Issues

Ottawa, May 31, 2018 – This year's National Health Leadership Conference (#NHLC2018), will bring together national, provincial and community health leaders from across the country as they set their sights on developing policy solutions and spreading best practices to transform the health care system and improve health outcomes for Canadians.

Moderated by *Globe and Mail* health reporter and columnist, André Picard, the #NHLC 2018 theme is *Creating the winning conditions for change*. The event will celebrate success and showcase changes underway – and those to come – that will improve the health of all Canadians.

The NHLC is Canada's largest national gathering of health system leaders. This year close to 700 representatives from health regions, authorities and alliances; hospitals; long-term care organizations; public health agencies; community care; mental health and social services; government, education and research organizations; professional associations; and industry will be attending the event June 4-5 in St. John's, NL.

"The conference is a pivotal opportunity for health leaders to come together to identify, examine, learn and debate the winning conditions for improving the health of all Canadians," said Paul-Émile Cloutier, President and CEO of HealthCareCAN and co-host of the NHLC.

Conference speakers include:

- **Sir Michael G. Marmot** – Professor of Epidemiology at University College London, Director of the UCL Institute of Health Equity, and Immediate Past President of the World Medical Association;
- **The Honourable John Haggie** – Minister of Health and Community Services, Newfoundland and Labrador;
- **Dr. Zayna Khayat** – Future Strategist with Saint Elizabeth & Faculty, Singularity University, Exponential Medicine;
- **Mr. Tyler Norris** – Chief Executive, Well Being Trust.

Speakers will highlight the role of leadership in driving transformational change, from addressing the social determinants of health to improving digital health. Among others, issues to be examined include:

- The role of government to set the tone, direction and policy for change;
- The role of technology and digital health in transformational change;
- The role of industry and the private sector in enabling change;
- How do health leaders address critical factors outside the healthcare system – the social determinants of health – influencing health and well-being.

The fourth **Great Canadian Healthcare Debate** will also be held and will focus on addressing policy gaps in three critical health issues: mental health, indigenous health and seniors' health.

"As a nation we have made progress toward improving mental, indigenous and seniors' health, but we must maintain the momentum and develop further policy solutions to help improve outcomes on the frontlines of care," added Sue Owen, Acting President and CEO of the Canadian College of Health Leaders and co-host of the NHLC.

For more information about the National Health Leadership Conference, visit www.nhlc-cnls.ca.

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