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## **Newfoundland and Labrador's EHR Progress Being Showcased on National Stage**

**St. John's, NL** - The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information (the Centre) will showcase the progress of the provincial electronic health record (EHR) at e-Health 2014, Canada's premiere eHealth conference taking place from June 1-4 in Vancouver, BC.

e-Health is a joint conference hosted by Canada Health Infoway, Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and Canada's Health Informatics Association (COACH). The event brings together leaders from jurisdictional, clinician, vendor, health care service delivery and other sectors to explore the current successes and future of eHealth in Canada. This year, the Centre will present three sessions, as well as participate in the national innovation showcase, highlighting various aspects of the provincial EHR. Topics being presented by the Centre and focusing on success from Newfoundland and Labrador include:

- How electronic medical record and electronic health record data can be used for research and informing the health system to support continued improvement of eHealth and health care.
- The importance of early and regular stakeholder engagement using strategic change management practices for successful project implementation.
- Driving adoption and growth of eHealth systems by ensuring relevance, providing necessary change management support, and delivering tangible benefits to system users.
- Demonstrating how knowledgeable people and sound business processes are key complements to technology in delivering quality health information across the health care system.

Centre President and CEO Mike Barron has also been invited to participate in a pre-conference symposium focused on exploring innovative approaches to using health information to increase quality, safety and efficiency in the health system.

**"It's an honour to be able to showcase the work being done by the Centre to advance eHealth and health information technology in Newfoundland and Labrador. The process for being selected to present at this national conference is stringent and highly competitive. The fact that the Centre has been invited to participate to this degree illustrates the value and success of our work."**

- *Mike Barron, President and CEO, Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information.*

The Centre is a national leader in health information management and is on the forefront of EHR development in Canada. The province is positioned to be among the first three provinces in Canada to establish an interoperable EHR in accordance with the national blueprint. Once implemented, the EHR will provide more accurate, reliable and comparable data to support health care policy and decision-making, and most importantly, improved quality and safety of patient care.

**About the Centre for Health Information**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information (the Centre) provides quality information to health professionals, the public, researchers and health system decision-makers. Through collaboration with the health system, the Centre supports the development of data and technical standards, maintains key health databases, prepares and distributes health reports, and supports and carries out applied health research and evaluations. The Centre's mandate also includes the development and implementation of a confidential and secure provincial electronic health record, including the change management required to support adoption by end user clinicians.

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