

NEWS RELEASE

University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine and Canadian Institute of Child Health Announce Strategic Partnership

OTTAWA, February 4, 2004 – The University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine and the Canadian Institute of Child Health (CICH) signed an agreement today to jointly develop research projects and programs of mutual interest and to seek external funding of those programs.

This partnership has developed out of the organizations' shared interest in the health and well-being of children and youth, aboriginal health, policy, knowledge transfer and global health issues.

“This agreement has formalized a growing collaboration between our two organizations and will enhance and strengthen the research capacity of the Institute. We look forward to working with the Faculty of Medicine on a variety of important projects related to children's health and well-being, particularly the 4th edition of *The Health of Canada's Children: A CICH Profile*,” noted the Hon. Judith Erola, Chair, CICH Board of Directors.

For more than 25 years, CICH has been a trusted voice promoting the health, wellbeing and rights of children and youth. CICH is a national charitable organization that works to provide the best evidence-based research information to healthcare professionals, educators and governments to assist with policy development. CICH also works with corporations to raise the awareness of child and youth issues.

“The University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine is deeply interested in the health of our nation's children. This agreement is going to allow both of our organizations to undertake research and programs that neither of us alone would otherwise be able to do. Together we will make a real difference,” said Dr. Peter Walker, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

The University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine has a number of researchers involved in child and youth-focused research, at the Faculty of Medicine and at other research institutes on campus as well.

The two organizations have a history of collaboration, most notably when Dr. Yue Chen of the Faculty of Medicine worked on a CICH project on children's environmental health in Argentina. That work, funded by CIDA, took place in 2001. The two organizations hope to create a network of children's environmental health epidemiologists in the future.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

- The University of Ottawa's Faculty of Medicine is the only one in Canada to offer medical education in both of Canada's official languages. The Faculty of Medicine is a national leader in education, research, and the use of technology to assist in medical education.
- The Canadian Institute of Child Health is a national charitable organization that works to provide the best evidence-based research information to healthcare professionals, educators and governments to assist with policy development.

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