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## **BRIDGEPOINT HEALTH CELEBRATES AN HISTORIC MILESTONE TODAY WITH UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

*U of T partners with Bridgepoint to build knowledge, advance practice and improve outcomes for people living with chronic disease*

TORONTO – Bridgepoint Health celebrates an historic milestone today with an official signing ceremony recognizing its academic affiliation with the University of Toronto.

This announcement marks an important landmark in Bridgepoint's mission to advance knowledge and practice in chronic disease and disabilities management.

“For the last sixty years, we have been supporting individuals who are living with complex, chronic disease and disability. Our clear understanding of complex conditions, the concentration of specialized resources at Bridgepoint Health, and the shape of our Bridgepoint network, enable us to take a comprehensive approach to complex care. In this venture, Bridgepoint is in a position to lead,” says Marian Walsh, President and CEO of Bridgepoint Health.

The academic partnership between Bridgepoint Health and the University of Toronto will enable clinicians and researchers to develop new approaches to chronic disease prevention, and new service models to support people living with chronic disease.

“I believe our Faculty, our university, our students and our health care system will be stronger thanks to this partnership with Bridgepoint,” says Catharine Whiteside, Dean of Medicine at the University of Toronto. “The University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine is a leader because we have the good fortune to work with the very best – and that is certainly true of the staff and leadership here at Bridgepoint Health.”

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The University of Toronto is Canada's largest university, recognized as a global leader in research and teaching. U of T's distinguished faculty, institutional record of groundbreaking scholarship and wealth of innovative academic opportunities continually attract outstanding students and academics from around the world. U of T is committed to providing a learning experience that is unparalleled in North America and from the close-knit learning communities made possible through its college system and academic divisions.

Bridgepoint Health is Canada's largest and most progressive health care network focused exclusively on "changing the world" for the growing numbers of people in need of complex medical care and rehabilitation. Bridgepoint Health is affiliated with the University of Toronto and comprised of: Bridgepoint Hospital, Bridgepoint Community Rehab, Bridgepoint Health Centre for Research and Education, the Bridgepoint Health Foundation and the soon to be opened Bridgepoint Family Health Team. Visit [www.bridgepointhealth.ca](http://www.bridgepointhealth.ca) for more information.