

THE NEW WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL
ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF AN
INTERIM PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TORONTO (September 7th, 2006) – Women's College Hospital announced today that it is appointing an Interim President and Chief Executive Officer for the organization. The appointment of an Interim President and CEO is required due to the unexpected illness of Nancy Malcolm, Women's College Hospital's current President and CEO. Michele Landsberg, Chair of Women's College Hospital's Board of Directors, says, "we wish Nancy a speedy and full recovery. Appointing an Interim President and CEO at this time allows Women's College to continue pressing forward with our strategic redevelopment as Ontario's first and only independent academic ambulatory care hospital and the only hospital in Ontario with a primary focus on women's health."

Marian Walsh, President and CEO of Bridgepoint Health, will continue to serve as President and CEO of Bridgepoint Health while also serving as Interim President and CEO of Women's College Hospital, starting immediately. Her time and leadership will be divided equally between the two independently governed organizations.

Ms. Walsh has been a health care executive for almost 30 years. She is very active in a wide range of roles in the Ontario Hospital Association, the Rehab Network of Toronto, and the Complex Care and Rehabilitation Leadership Council of Ontario. She is also a member of the Advisory Committee, Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto, a Certified Health Executive and was the Founding President of the Canadian Home Care Association. "We are thrilled to have reached an agreement with Bridgepoint Health to share Marian's time and commitment. Her extensive experience and outstanding reputation will benefit both organizations," says

Ms. Landsberg, also noting that “Women’s College is actively undertaking partnerships with many healthcare institutions. We anticipate Marian will help us make this happen with Bridgepoint and with other organizations as well.”

Robert Carman, Board Chair of Bridgepoint Health, says, “in addition to being a compliment and recognition of Marian’s leadership ability here at Bridgepoint and in our partner healthcare organizations, it is a real compliment to the entire Bridgepoint organization and team that our organization is being asked to provide leadership because of what we have accomplished together.”

“There is a lot of natural synergy between Women’s College Hospital and Bridgepoint. We share a commitment to improving the lives of people living with chronic disease, and advancing the role of integrated partnerships in delivering health care in the future,” says Marian Walsh, President and CEO of Bridgepoint Health and Interim President and CEO of Women’s College Hospital. “I look forward to building on our common strengths, while playing a role in helping Women’s College move forward to achieving its vision of leadership in women’s health, education and research in an ambulatory care setting.”

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 comprises Bridgepoint Hospital, Bridgepoint Health Research Institute, Bridgepoint Centre for Living (a proposed complex care and long-term care centre), Bridgepoint Community Rehab (a not for profit community based rehabilitation service) and Bridgepoint Health Foundation, which supports the programming and development goals of Bridgepoint Health.

Women’s College Hospital achieved independence on April 1st, 2006 after being amalgamated with Sunnybrook Health Science Centre for eight years. In August, 2005,

Minister of Health and Long Term Care The Honourable George Smitherman announced that independent governance would be restored to Women's College Hospital and that the Hospital would become a provincial leader in women's health care, education and research in an ambulatory care setting. Women's College Hospital is a fully affiliated teaching hospital of the University of Toronto.

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