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## NEW HOSPITAL WILL TRANSFORM CARE FOR COMPLEX CHRONIC DISEASES

TORONTO - Ontario is increasing access to care and creating jobs with the groundbreaking of a new 680,000 square foot hospital designed especially for treating individuals with multiple complex chronic diseases.

The new state-of-the-art 472 bed hospital will create a ‘campus of care’, integrating patient care, research and teaching in complex chronic disease and disability.

When completed, the new 10-storey facility will provide improved patient care, including:

- More living space for patients;
- Double the existing therapy space and patient lounges;
- Increased ambulatory space for outpatient/community programming;
- Modern therapy areas on each floor;
- A larger therapy pool, new public areas and cycling paths; and
- Walkways integrated with Riverdale Park.

At the peak of construction, approximately 90 sub-contractors and approximately 600 workers will be on site.

The new hospital will replace the current congested and aging facility, and will be located on the existing site at the corner of Broadview Avenue and Gerrard Street East in Toronto. The historic Don Jail will be preserved and restored into a centre for administrative and support services. The hospital will be designed with environmentally responsible and sustainable features and will be certified under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.

“The Bridgepoint Health project demonstrates our government’s commitment to invest in Ontario’s health care infrastructure to build stronger and healthier communities,” said George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure. “This redevelopment will create a modern, state-of-the-art hospital and provide many jobs throughout the Greater Toronto Area.”

“Today’s ground-breaking is a symbol of our ambition to change the world for the people living with complex chronic disease – the number one health care challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With a much-needed facility, we will bring together top research, education and clinical talent in search of new ways of preventing and managing complex chronic disease,” said Marian Walsh, President and CEO, Bridgepoint Health.

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