**Bridgepoint Collaboratory for Research and Innovation**

# The Collaboratory was established in 2009. It is now one of the four core pillars of the Lunenfeld Tanenbaum Research Institute at the Sinai Health System, focused on Health Systems and Services. It’s the only research enterprise in Canada – and one of only a few in the world – focused on understanding the needs of patients with complex chronic conditions. Research teams come from diverse backgrounds such as primary care, social science, pharmacy, health policy, public health, architecture, epidemiology and inner city health.

# Researchers look at the problems facing patients with complex and chronic conditions. They **begin every project by asking “what if” and aim to break through the traditional barriers and silos of the healthcare system, working with patients and practitioners to understand the needs of this growing patient population.**

Collaboratory researchers are looking for simple solutions to complicated problems and the new state of the art hospital provides us a “living laboratory” that allows us to connect directly with the patients living with complex health conditions and the practitioners working with them – and develop new ways to treat them. Our pioneering methods are focused on changing policy, creating best practices and developing new tools to help these patients.