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The Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario (CAHO) congratulates this year's top 40 research hospitals in Canada. Research is critical to better health care and Canada's capacity for innovation.

CAHO represents Ontario's 24 research hospitals. Our member hospitals are places of healing. What makes them unique is that they are also places of learning and discovery. CAHO hospitals edu-

cate the next generation of health care providers, and researchers in our hospitals translate knowledge into better patient care by taking research from the bench to the bedside.

How does this make a difference to Canadians? First, it makes us healthier, by constantly improving patient care – discovered here, tested here, and delivered here. Second, it makes us wealthier, by creating new jobs and industries through the commercialization of new discoveries and the global marketing of these discoveries. Ontario's research hospitals invest \$1.2 billion in R&D and employ 16,000 researchers and research staff. This investment stimulates \$3.2 billion in output and supports 36,000 jobs across Ontario. Health research makes

us smarter by driving a knowledge based economy that attracts and engages the brightest minds from here and around the world. Implementing research evidence creates a higher quality and more productive health care system that benefits patients.

None of this happens spontaneously or in a vacuum. It requires the deliberate choice to lead in supporting the unique mission of research hospitals through investment, partnerships and people.

CAHO is calling on all partners in government, health care, education and research to work together to sustain the health research enterprise in Ontario and across Canada and use it to improve health care, reduce health care costs and drive the jobs and growth of tomorrow.