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Statement on the Ontario Throne Speech

In today's Speech from the Throne, the Ontario government said that it will "continue to build the strongest and most innovative health care system in the world, so that hospitals and research institutions in places like Thunder Bay and Toronto keep setting international standards and saving innumerable lives." CAHO welcomes and commends the government for initiating a dialogue on the role and value of Ontario's health research enterprise.

Karen Michell, Executive Director of CAHO said, "The government outlined the need and the willingness to collaborate to solve Ontario's major challenges. There is a genuine opportunity to work together to continuously make our health care system better for the patients we serve across Ontario. Health research and innovation contributes to a healthier, wealthier and smarter Ontario."

Ontario's 24 research hospitals are significant players in Ontario's innovation ecosystem. In 2011, CAHO member hospitals collected and then invested \$1.2 billion in health research; and were home to 15,000 researchers and research staff.

About CAHO

The Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario is the non-profit association of Ontario's 24 research hospitals and their research institutes. CAHO provides a focal point for strategic initiatives on behalf of our member hospitals. As research intensive hospitals, CAHO members are fully affiliated with a university medical or health sciences faculty. Our hospitals provide the most complex and urgent care, teach the next generation of health care providers and foster health care innovation derived from discovery research. For more information, visit caho-hospitals.com

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