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ANNOUNCEMENT

## Hypertension Canada Announces Appointment of President and 2015-2016 Board of Directors

**Markham, ON** – Hypertension Canada, the nation's provider of the hypertension clinical practice guidelines, is pleased to announce the appointment of two new Directors to its Board following the 2015-2016 elections at its Annual General Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Mississauga, Ontario.

“I am pleased with the great diversity of this Board and organization, which puts immense effort into improving the treatment and control of hypertension at both the national and international level,” said Dr. Ernesto Schiffrin, President of Hypertension Canada. “Hypertension is the number one risk factor for death and disability around the world, and affects more than 7 million Canadians,” Dr. Schiffrin added.

The newly-elected Directors are Mr. David Lui, Vice-President of Marketing for Mark's at Canadian Tire Corporation, who brings deep, executive-level expertise in innovative brand strategy; and Dr. Raj Padwal, physician, epidemiologist and health services researcher, who has served on the Guidelines Committee since 2004 and will conclude his term as its co-chair early next year.

Together, they join the current and re-appointed Directors led by Dr. Schiffrin, to complete the fourteen-member Board: Mr. Barry Arbus, Mr. Glen Doucet, Dr. Ross Feldman, Mr. Trevor Hudson, Dr. Nadia Khan, Dr. Janusz Kaczorowski, Dr. Pierre Laroche, Ms. Dorothy Morris, Ms. Laura Syron, Dr. Sheldon Tobe, and Dr. Ross Tsuyuki.

In addition to the new elections, two new officer appointments were made. Dr. Nadia Khan, first elected to the Board in 2013, was appointed Vice-President. Dr. Khan is a Professor of Medicine, scientist and general internist, who has served on the Guidelines Committee and presently chairs the Board's Research Policy Committee. Mr. Trevor Hudson, first elected to the Board in 2014, was appointed Treasurer after serving his first year as Finance Committee Vice-Chair. Mr. Hudson is a Certified Professional Accountant and was recently appointed Partner at Deloitte LLP.

“This Board, with its members from diverse professions and skill sets, is a nationally representative group intent on improving the landscape of hypertension through awareness, prevention and control among Canadians,” says Dr. Schiffrin.



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**About Hypertension** – High blood pressure, also called hypertension, affects more than 7 million Canadians and is the leading cause of death and disability around the world. Although hypertension is highly preventable and treatable, one in three people living with hypertension have uncontrolled blood pressure and nearly one in five are not even aware of their condition.

**About Hypertension Canada** – [Hypertension Canada](http://www.hypertension.ca) is the only national charity dedicated solely to the prevention and control of hypertension and its complications, serving the nation's health care professionals in hypertension prevention, control, research, education and advocacy.

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