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New home announced for content of Health Innovation Portal

Health Council of Canada partners with Accreditation Canada to keep innovative practices in public domain

Toronto, ON (January 30, 2014) – The Health Council of Canada today announces Accreditation Canada as the new home for the Health Council’s flagship Health Innovation Portal content.

The Health Innovation Portal is a unique online tool developed and launched by the Health Council in November 2012 to enable the sharing and spread of innovative practices, programs and services among the provinces, territories and federal government. Used extensively by health policy researchers, policy-makers, planners and the media, the searchable database of more than 400 innovative practices gives online users instant access to practices that can be adapted to new settings, plus direct contact information for those who have spearheaded the practices.

“Given the closing of the Health Council of Canada in March 2014, we’re pleased to announce Accreditation Canada as the national partner who will continue to make this information publicly available. Accreditation Canada currently manages a [Leading Practices database](#) that, when combined with the Health Council’s content, will provide users with well over 900 practices that can be replicated or scaled up for the benefit of more Canadians than ever before,” says John G. Abbott, Health Council CEO.

“Accreditation Canada is pleased to have been chosen by the Health Council of Canada and given the opportunity to expand our database so that we can continue to offer the health care community, the public, the media and the health policy community the very best examples of innovation in health care,” says Wendy Nicklin, President and CEO, Accreditation Canada. “The Leading Practices database will continue to grow and will continue to be a tool for positive change across the Canadian health care system.” Submissions to the Leading Practices database are reviewed by Accreditation Canada and an external committee, and organizations are notified within eight weeks of submission regarding the outcome of the review.

About the Health Council of Canada

Created by the *2003 First Ministers’ Accord on Health Care Renewal*, the Health Council of Canada is an independent national agency that reports on the progress of health care renewal. The Council provides a system-wide perspective on health care reform in Canada, and disseminates information on innovative practices across the country. The Councillors are appointed by the participating provincial and territorial governments and the Government of Canada. In April 2013, the federal government announced that it will be winding up funding for the Council, such that the Council will conclude its operations by March 31, 2014.

About Accreditation Canada

Accreditation Canada is an independent, not-for-profit, organization that provides health services organizations across Canada and internationally with a rigorous and comprehensive accreditation process. It fosters ongoing quality improvement based on evidence-based standards and external peer review. Accredited by the International Society for Quality in Health Care, Accreditation Canada has helped organizations strive for excellence for more than 55 years.

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