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HIROC Conference kicks off with Longwoods' Breakfast with the Chiefs

(Toronto) February 27, 2017 – For the first time HIROC, in partnership with Longwoods Publishing, will kick off its annual conference at the Sheraton Centre Toronto on **Monday, April 24** with a Breakfast with the Chiefs, featuring Dr. Peter Pisters.

Dr. Pisters, the President and CEO of the University Health Network (UHN), will be speaking about UHN's experience in creating a patient and employee safety transformation.

"Dr. Pisters is a leader who has overseen considerable transformation in terms of UHN's employee and patient relations," said HIROC CEO Catherine Gaulton. "We feel fortunate to be able to bring his valuable perspective to the HIROC Conference through our strong partnership with Longwoods."

"Breakfast with the Chiefs is all about bringing healthcare leadership together to talk about new ideas, policies, and best practices," said Matthew Hart, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and Corporate Development of Longwoods. "We're excited to be co-hosting the session at the HIROC Conference this year."

For Gaulton who commenced her new role as CEO of HIROC on February 1, 2017, this will be her first time addressing subscribers and delegates at the HIROC Conference. "As HIROC celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, I feel I have joined the organization at a very special moment in time," says Gaulton. "We are looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion and how we're charting the future with delegates at this year's conference."

Topics on the agenda include the St. Michael's Hospital flood; legal hot topics; lessons on closed claims; patient deterioration and cyber security. Speakers hail from St. Michael's Hospital, FM Global, Borden Ladner Gervais, Stewart McKelvey, Patients for Patient Safety Canada, Canadian Patient Safety Institute, Hamilton Health Sciences, the Toronto Police Service, Grand River Hospital, and HIROC.

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The day after the conference, HIROC is hosting a half-day IRM Risk Register Clinic at the Sheraton Centre. Attendees will have an opportunity to network and participate in roundtable discussions to share challenges and develop strategies to engage leadership in IRM and the Risk Register.

“This year’s sessions at both the conference and the workshop focus on the issues that healthcare organizations are dealing with from an insurance and risk management perspective,” said Polly Stevens, Vice President, Healthcare Risk Management at HIROC. “It’s all about how we can work together to create change and improve the system.”

To register for the conference or the IRM Risk Register Clinic, go to HIROC.com:

<https://www.hiroc.com/Risk-Management/RM-Conference/2017.aspx>

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