MEDIA ALERT
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Dr. Chris Simpson of Ontario Commits to
Seniors Care as the CMA’s new President

OTTAWA, Aug. 19, 2014 – More than 250 physician delegates have gathered here to attend the CMA’s 147th annual meeting of General Council taking place Aug. 17-20 at the Ottawa Convention Centre.

An address by the Hon. Thomas J. Mulcair, delegates’ motions and the incoming president’s inaugural address are among the highlights of the last day of deliberations. The installation ceremony and the CMA’s award ceremony will be held in the evening at the Westin Ottawa. This year, the CMA is recognizing 11 exceptional individuals, including dedicated physicians, talented medical students and outstanding health advocates.

Program highlights for Wednesday, Aug. 20:

8:15 – 8:35 am
Address by the leader of the official opposition, the Honorable Thomas J. Mulcair

8:35 – 11:50 am
Emerging issues and delegates’ motions

11:50 am – 12:15 pm
Inaugural address of incoming president, Dr. Chris Simpson

News conference:

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014
Time: 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm EDT
Location: Ottawa Convention Centre, 55 Colonel By Dr., Room 201
Speakers: Incoming President Dr. Chris Simpson and Dr. Pierre Harvey, French spokesperson

Members of the media attending in person are asked to register at the media office upon arrival at the Ottawa Convention Centre (Room 203). Reporters may participate by teleconference by dialing 888-789-9572; code: 9586430 15 minutes prior to the start of the news conference. Instant replay: 905-694-9451 / 800-408-3053; code: 6734189

More details on the CMA’s 147th General Council meeting can be found at: https://www.cma.ca/gcmedia2014

Webcasting schedule: https://www.cma.ca/en/Pages/147-annual-meeting.aspx

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is the national voice of Canadian physicians. Founded in 1867, the CMA is a voluntary professional organization representing more than 80,000 of Canada's physicians and comprising 12 provincial and territorial medical associations and 60 national medical organizations. CMA's mission is to serve and unite the physicians of Canada and be the national advocate, in partnership with the people of Canada, for the highest standards of health and health care.

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