



May 24, 2016

Mr. David O'Toole
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Dear Mr. O'Toole:

On April 14, 2016, I received a letter from the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) outlining the collaborative work it had undertaken with Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) in the collection and reporting of pan-Canadian quality indicators for cardiovascular care. The CCS outlined the positive outcomes of this initiative including updates to the existing CIHI indicators. This achieves improved reporting of care, enhanced trust and understanding by clinicians of CIHI data. It also provides greater understanding by CIHI of the clinical and administrative perspective in the data interpretation to improve uptake and use by clinicians and administrators that use the data.

This is exciting work and with this letter I am offering the support of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health in the continuation of the work. Saskatchewan supports CIHI's collaboration with CCS and understands that this will entail the following:

- CIHI participation in the annual CCS Cardiac Quality Collaborative meeting that brings together the cardiovascular community;
- CCS clinical input and participation in the development and knowledge dissemination of CIHI's annual Cardiac Care Quality Indicators report; and
- CIHI participation in workshops at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress to engage the clinical community in collection, analysis, reporting and knowledge dissemination of cardiovascular quality indicators.

It is work such as this that will enable enhanced surveillance and ultimately benefit Canadians requiring management of their cardiovascular disease. This work will also allow the province to compare performance and address areas of common concern in the future.

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The Saskatchewan Ministry of Health supports the continuation of this collaborative work between CCS and CIHI.

Sincerely



Max Hendricks
Deputy Minister

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