

New Chair Of eHealth Ontario Confirmed

McGuinty Government Appoints Health Technology Executive Raymond Hession

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Ontario has confirmed Raymond Hession as the new Chair of eHealth Ontario's board of directors for a three-year term. The appointment, made by Order-In-Council, took effect February 1, 2010.

Mr. Hession has considerable experience in both the health and technological fields. His most recent experience includes:

- Chair, Board of Directors, Ontario Health Quality Council
- Chair, Board of Governors, The Ottawa Hospital, and
- Chair, Cooperative Housing Agency of Canada.

As the Chair of eHealth Ontario, Hession will set policy and direction for the government agency responsible for all aspects of e-health in Ontario, including creating an electronic health record for all Ontarians by 2015.

QUOTES

"Ray Hession brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this position. I look forward to working with him as we move forward with providing the best care possible for Ontarians."

- Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

QUICK FACTS

- By 2012, 9,000 physicians, including more than 65 per cent of primary care physicians, will be using electronic medical records, to the benefit of approximately 10 million Ontarians.
- Electronic health records will provide patients and providers with the ability to access, share and use health information. This will improve health care delivery, increase patient safety, reduce ER wait times and create a more effective health care system.

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