

MEDIA ADVISORY

The Budget Challenge: Financing Ontario's Hospitals

Ottawa, ON, March 10, 2005 – The need for accessible, affordable health care is an important issue at the forefront of public debate. Although Ontario hospitals are recognized internationally for outstanding delivery of patient care and conducting innovative research, hospitals are struggling to meet the challenges presented by an aging population, rapidly rising costs, and static government funding.

Hilary Short, president and CEO of the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), will be proposing a new hospital funding strategy designed to help ensure that Ontario's hospitals remain among the best in the country. Founded in 1924, the OHA represents 154 hospital corporations operating at 225 sites across Ontario.

DATE: Thursday, March 24, 2005

TIME: 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: The Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th Floor
Ottawa, Ontario

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