



Innovation in Cardiology Training

**The Montreal Heart Institute launches a new website
to support continuing professional development**

Montreal, May 13, 2009 – The Montreal Heart Institute’s Teaching Division recently launched a website meant to support continuing medical education (CME). Realized with financial assistance from the MHI Foundation, Pfizer, and Sanofi-aventis, the new site allows health professionals to view scientific conferences, earn CME credits, test their knowledge, consult various specialized documents and interact with other professionals. It is one of the first francophone sites in the world to enable professionals in cardiology to refine their knowledge in a context as flexible as this.

“There are two major advantages to using information technologies,” explains Dr. Annie Dore, Director of Teaching at the MHI. “First, it allows professionals to save considerable time, since there is no need to go somewhere for training, which is now available 24 hours a day via the Internet. This is time that can then be devoted to patients or to research. It also allows professionals to interact on a blog in a spirit of sharing knowledge.”

Thanks to the CME site (<http://dpc.icm-mhi.org>), professionals in the cardiology field may not only sit in on science conferences – an activity now recognized as part of their mandatory continuing education – but may also ask questions and offer comments on-line. As well as a very full calendar of conferences, the site provides discussion forums and a specialized on-line publication called *La cardiologie contemporaine*. Scientific program planning for the site is the exclusive responsibility of a science committee chaired by Dr. Dore. The site was designed by multiple-media.com, a web communications partner to the MHI since 2004.

About the Montreal Heart Institute

Founded in 1954 by Dr. Paul David, the Montreal Heart Institute constantly aims for the highest standards of excellence in the cardiovascular field through its leadership in prevention, ultra-specialized care, training of professionals, clinical and fundamental research, and assessment of new technologies. It is affiliated with the Université de Montréal and its clinical outcomes are among the best in the world. To learn more about the Institute, please visit our website at www.icm-mhi.org.

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