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**Dr. Paul Khairy of the Montreal Heart Institute
named to *Canada's Top 40 Under 40*™**

Montreal, June 7, 2010 – The Montreal Heart Institute (MHI) is extremely proud to congratulate Dr. Paul Khairy on being named to *Canada's Top 40 Under 40*™ for 2009. This prestigious designation highlights Dr. Khairy's exceptional achievements as a cardiologist-electrophysiologist and as director of the MHI's Adult Congenital Heart Centre, as well as his contribution as holder of the Canada Research Chair in Electrophysiology and Adult Congenital Heart Disease. Dr. Khairy is also an associate professor at the Université de Montréal.

Dr. Khairy was selected from among 1,200 candidates by an independent board composed of 27 Canadian business leaders. He was named on the basis of five key criteria: vision and leadership, innovation and achievements, growth and development strategy, multidimensional influence and community involvement.

“The MHI is especially fortunate to count Dr. Paul Khairy among the members of its medical team. With his wide-ranging expertise in adult congenital heart disease and arrhythmia, his undeniable talent and his strong leadership skills, Dr. Khairy has helped to make our institution a world leader in this field. It's no coincidence that every year, patients from all over Canada come to Montreal for an operation at the Adult Congenital Heart Centre, of which he is director,” says Mr. Robert Busilacchi, executive director of the MHI.

“The causes of arrhythmia in adults with congenital heart disease are both diverse and complex. This type of arrhythmia is a relatively new manifestation in that it's the direct result of the recent increase in life expectancy among people with a congenital heart disease. By specializing in this field, Dr. Khairy has therefore created new knowledge and made it possible to treat health problems for which there were no solutions in an innovative manner. With his talent and ingenuity, he's been able to play a direct part in developing new therapeutic approaches. Thus, in spite of his young age, Dr. Khairy's contribution to the advancement of cardiology is truly remarkable,” says Dr. Denis Roy, executive assistant dean of the faculty of medicine at the Université de Montréal, and cardiologist-electrophysiologist at the MHI.

The MHI: An environment conducive to the emergence of talent

“That Dr. Khairy received this well deserved distinction today comes as no surprise to the MHI Foundation. We soon realized his immense potential and awarded him the first ever Bal du Cœur Fellowship in 2002, as well as the Martial G. Bourassa Prize in 2005. Furthermore, a major donation from the Foundation enabled Dr. Khairy to launch his research program in adult congenital heart disease. We are extremely proud to have contributed to Dr. Khairy's scientific innovations from the outset and to have played a key role in ensuring that these accomplishments take place at the Institute,” adds Mr. Louis A Tanguay, Foundation Board Chair.

“I’m obviously very touched by the congratulations and testimonials of recognition I received on being named to *Canada’s Top 40 Under 40*. Having said that, it’s important to emphasize that the MHI played a leading role in the milestones mentioned today, as did each and every one of my colleagues. It’s a privilege to work in an environment dedicated to excellence like that of the MHI, alongside people who are dedicated, inspired and inspiring. Because I had the chance to work with mentors, and because of the new talent we bring in for training, I’m convinced that the MHI is particularly conducive to the emergence of talent,” says Dr. Paul Khairy.

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.

About the Montreal Heart Institute Foundation

The Montreal Heart Institute and its Foundation share a vision that focuses on innovation in the treatment of cardiovascular disease. If Dr. Paul David planted the seeds of innovation in 1954, the Foundation has helped them grow since 1977 with donations of \$100 million to foster the sustainable development of its programs. For more information on the Montreal Heart Institute Foundation, visit www.mhifoundation.org.

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