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Dr. Denis Roy appointed as Executive Director of the Montreal Heart Institute

Montréal, October 25, 2011 – Mr. Pierre Anctil, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Montreal Heart Institute (MHI), is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Denis Roy as Executive Director of the MHI for a four-year term starting on January 1, 2012. Dr. Roy will succeed Mr. Robert Busilacchi, Executive Director of the MHI since 2004, who will step down on December 31 after a successful career spanning more than 35 years in leadership positions in the Quebec health care network.



Dr. Denis Roy

A cardiologist-electrophysiologist at the Montreal Heart Institute, Dr. Roy has held various administrative positions, such as Chief of Electrophysiology Service and then Chief of Medicine. He has also served as Director of the Department of Medicine at Université de Montréal and, until just recently, as Executive Vice Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and in charge of the Hospital Affairs and the Réseau Universitaire Intégré de Santé (RUIS) at Université de Montréal. Dr. Roy has also been President of the Association des cardiologues du Québec and the Canadian Cardiovascular Society.

“Dr. Roy has in-depth knowledge of the Montreal Heart Institute's specific mission and the inherent challenges of this mission. During his career, he has gained considerable management expertise and has shown great leadership in a number of major projects,” stated Mr. Anctil. “The members of the Board of Directors join me in extending him our full cooperation and wishing him the best of success in his new position,” he concluded.

A brilliant career as a clinician, professor, researcher and administrator

A graduate of the Faculty of Medicine at Université de Montréal, Dr. Roy completed a fellowship in cardiac electrophysiology at Maastricht University in the Netherlands and at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Recruited by the MHI in 1982, he created the Electrophysiology Service, and it was under his direction that the first surgical and catheter procedures to treat arrhythmias were conducted at the MHI. He then became the MHI's youngest Chief of Cardiology.

Dr. Roy is a world-recognized researcher and the author of many major scientific publications, including in the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine*, that have changed the practice of cardiology on an international scale. His research is focused mainly on cardiac rhythm disorders, such as atrial fibrillation. He has received major research grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and has led clinical studies involving approximately 100 researchers in 10 countries.

Dr. Roy is also a Full Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at Université de Montréal and a guest speaker who is sought after locally, nationally and internationally for lectures about his own research findings as well as best practices in cardiology. Above all, he is a practising cardiologist who is greatly respected by his colleagues.

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