



Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative
Consortium pancanadien pour l'interprofessionnalisme en santé

*learning to work together, working to learn together
apprendre à collaborer, collaborer pour apprendre*

[Date]

[Recipient's address]

Dear [Recipient]

As a key health care leader in [province/Canada], I am writing to introduce you to the Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative (CIHC) and invite you to learn more about how your organization can work with the Collaborative to improve patient care across [the province/the country].

Research has shown that interprofessional collaboration and patient-centred care are integral to addressing a number of key health care priorities including: access, recruitment and retention, primary health and patient safety. The CIHC identifies and shares best practices and successes in interprofessional collaboration and patient-centred care, with the goals of empowering health professionals to work together to transform the health system, and empowering patients to be part of the health care team.

Our function at the CIHC, is to facilitate critical connections between important stakeholders, to ensure everyone can benefit from the accumulating evidence base related to interprofessional education and collaborative practice. By sharing the outcomes and best practices of ongoing projects, academic papers and evidence-based research, we are confident that sustainable changes in health and education can occur across Canada.

I have included some information on the CIHC and the work we are doing to integrate Canada's interprofessional projects and research under the Collaborative. In future, I hope to meet with you or members of your organization, to discuss how our work can complement the work being done by your organization and its members.

Working together we can transform the health care system for both patients and health professionals.

Best regards,

[Please note: While you can attempt to ask them to call you to set up an appointment, chances are good they won't. A better option is to let them know you'd like to meet with them, and then a few weeks after the letter is mailed, call to set up the appointment yourself.]