

### **WHERE CARE CONNECTS**

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY















































ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17























### **Sinai Health System:**

### Where care connects

It's a new era in health care. An era of connections. Connections that make healing one continuous journey. That treat patients as more than the sum of their charts.

Sinai Health System's goal is to provide a seamless patient experience through acute hospital care, rehabilitation and home care that is centred around our patients, their families and their health goals. All propelled by research and academic excellence.

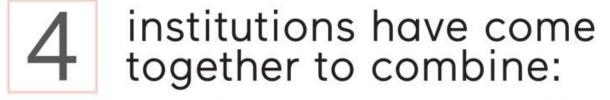
Connected care is the best care.

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Hospital + Rehabilitation + Home Care + Research









# With goal in mind:

To transform health care. For good.





e are both completing our first year as leaders of Sinai Health System. It has been a busy and intensely rewarding year as our System, now in its third year, has really hit its stride. The collective expertise of Bridgepoint Active Healthcare, Circle of Care, Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute and Mount Sinai Hospital has already made important improvements in the care for our patients. We are delighted to share our early successes and provide a glimpse into our exciting future plans as we continue our transformation into a fully-integrated system of care.

The pursuit of excellence in providing care for our patients is at the heart of everything we do. This focus has led us to create innovative models of care such as our integrated palliative care program, which is allowing patients to receive the right care in the right location. We are also investing in making care safer, including the use of technology for safer drug delivery and installing advanced flooring that actually reduces the chance of harm from falls. Other highlights include a redesign of the care we provide to patients with hip fractures, reducing time in our hospitals by more than a week, while improving outcomes. The common theme to all these examples is the goal of improving the care experience and outcomes for our patients and their caregivers and families.

The Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute, under the leadership of Dr. Jim Woodgett, Murray and Marvelle Koffler Directorship, for the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute continues to be ranked amongst the top biomedical research institutes in the world. Our scientists are making fundamental discoveries, unraveling common conditions and their treatment, such as the world-leading work done by Drs. Dan Drucker and Bernie Zinman, Sam and Judy Pencer Family Chair in Diabetes Research, in discovering and testing new treatments for diabetes. The Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute has really spread its wings in the new Sinai Health System, with a new focus and leadership in health system and population health research at our Bridgepoint campus.

We are about to embark on the next phase of redevelopment of Mount Sinai Hospital, Construction starts this summer and in five short years we will have new stateof-the-art operating rooms, critical care unit and an expanded emergency department. This past year has involved a tremendous amount of planning and preparation which will only intensify in the months and years to come.

This ambitious renewal and transformation is creating increased capacity for our growing community and ensuring we are able to deliver the best care. Also central to our mission is partnership and collaboration with other organizations to create a better health-care system for all. This year we have placed a priority on building strong connections with academic hospitals, community stakeholders and the government. The leaders of Sinai Health System have much to offer, not just within the walls of our hospitals, but to the greater health-care community. These are challenging times in health care and we take seriously our responsibility to engage for the betterment of our entire community.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated team of staff, physicians and volunteers. Our people and their passion for caring are our greatest strength and we thank you for making a difference for our patients, clients and the health-care system we serve.

We are also enormously grateful for the ongoing support of our donor community in helping us realize our vision of a new era of connected care. Your generous support enables everything we do from compassionate care to scientific discovery and improves the quality of life for people who rely on Sinai Health System during their time of need.

Our profound appreciation and best wishes go to Joseph Mapa, former CEO of Sinai Health System, and Marian Walsh, former CEO of Bridgepoint Active Healthcare and Associate CEO and Chief Transformation Officer of Sinai Health System. Joseph and Marian's inspired leadership and vision set the course for our future as an integrated system of care.

We would also like to extend special recognition to our former Board Chairs Lawrence Bloomberg, Lloyd Fogler and Bernie Ghert, who have moved into the ranks of Directors Emeritus and will continue to be actively involved. They have provided us with strong leadership through the evolution of our organization. We thank them for their dedication and significant contributions to Sinai Health System.

As a System, we have made significant progress and major investments in our ability to deliver better care, an enhanced patient experience, growth as a system and increased academic and scientific impact. We are encouraged that, together, we will do more for the people we care for and the future of health care in Ontario.

Brent S. Belzberg Chair. Board of Directors Sinai Health System

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A System-Wide Commitment to Quality

This year, Sinai Health System established its first Quality Aims. These support our commitment to our patients to deliver safe, effective, timely and patient- and familycentred care. Together, clinicians at both campuses are measuring our outcomes in areas such as hospital-acquired infections, falls, transitions between care settings and pain management. Through rigorous reporting and evaluation, this system-wide approach is strengthening care for all of our patients.

t has been over two years since we formed Sinai Health System to deliver exceptional care in hospital, community and home. This year, we made substantial progress in integrating key health-care pillars throughout our system so that no matter which campus our patients and their families interact with - Bridgepoint Active Healthcare, Mount Sinai Hospital or Circle of Care -- they have the same access to quality, seamless care.

#### Strengthening End-of-life Care

One of the areas that we prioritized this year was palliative care. High quality end-of-life care has been offered in Bridgepoint's 32-bed Albert & Temmy Latner Family Palliative Care Unit, in Mount Sinai's inpatient units, in patient's own homes through our Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care and through Circle of Care with its large ambulatory and community/home-based program. We recognized the need to harness these extraordinary individual programs to establish an integrated, comprehensive clinical and academic program that focuses on innovative models of care. To realize that objective, Dr. Russell Goldman became our first cross-site physician leader in Palliative Care. As Director of Sinai Health System's Inter-Departmental Division of Palliative Care, Dr. Goldman is developing a system-wide approach to transforming the palliative care model, from primary care to hospital care to home care.

#### Extending our Expertise in Physical Medicine and **Rehabilitation across Campuses**

Sinai Health System also appointed Dr. Chris Fortin as the inaugural Director of our newly formed Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Fortin's appointment is an important milestone as it marks the transition of Bridgepoint's recognized inpatient and ambulatory programs focusing on orthopaedic, neurologic and medical rehabilitation to an academic enterprise in full partnership with the University of Toronto. Dr. Fortin will work towards serving the academic and clinical needs for both of our campuses. This means that a patient coming out of orthopaedic surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital will benefit from our expertise in rehabilitation before they even arrive at Bridgepoint.



#### **New Partnerships**

While our focus continues to be on leveraging the strengths within our own system across campuses, we also work to strengthen our external partnerships.

- This year, we partnered with Women's College Hospital to form a joint department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Under the leadership of **Dr. Mathew** Sermer, the Rose Torno Chair in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, this partnership will offer women more options for care in the downtown core.
- The **Change Foundation** has partnered with Sinai Health System and WoodGreen Community Services on a unique initiative to foster a caregiver-friendly environment that extends broadly from the hospital and into the community, encompassing both a physical space and a philosophy of care in which caregivers are partners – not visitors.

#### **New President and CEO**

This year saw the appointment of our first system-wide President and CEO. Dr. Gary Newton previously held leadership roles such as Physician-in-Chief at Mount Sinai Hospital and Chief Medical Strategy Officer of Sinai Health System. As a practicing cardiologist, Dr. Newton brings a new clinical lens to strengthening care throughout Sinai Health System, and more broadly, Ontario's health-care landscape.





Thanks to government, community partners and donors, Canada's first Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine that is dedicated to Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) clinical research has arrived at Mount Sinai Hospital and will help the one in 150 Canadians who suffer from this disease. To donate to Renew Sinai and help make innovative care and research like this possible, please visit supportsinai.ca

inai Health System has made it our mission to connect people with every part of the care they need. Our older spaces were designed around a disconnected health system. Many having been built 40 years ago, for half the number of patients we see today.

Renew Sinai is a multi-year capital redevelopment project, the largest in Mount Sinai's history, which is transforming the hospital's facilities and growth of its internationally recognized clinical and research programs.

This year, we met a number of milestones, including an announcement by Infrastructure Ontario and Sinai Health System that a contract to build and finance our next stage of redevelopment has been awarded. With this achievement, construction is set to begin this summer.

This phase of our capital redevelopment includes:

#### Surgery

A new, technologically-advanced surgical floor that will span the entire 7th floor. Each year, we perform highly-specialized surgeries for more than 16,000 patients with cancer, inflammatory bowel diseases, bone and joint damage and complex eye diseases.

#### **Emergency Department**

We will double the size and completely redesign our Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Centre. Our emergency team sees over 60,000 patients each year – 100% more than our space was originally designed to accommodate, as a result of major population growth in the Greater Toronto Area.

#### **Critical Care Unit**

Relocating to the 5th floor we will expand and completely redesign our critical care unit around the needs of our patients. Our critical care physicians and nurses are international leaders and award winners, caring for the most seriously ill patients in the hospital.

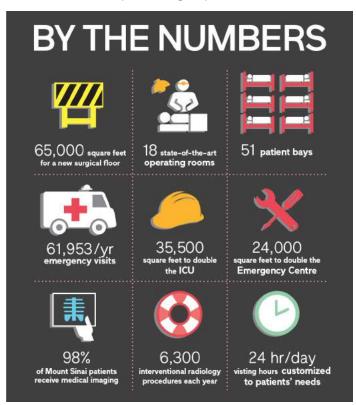
#### **Upgraded Imaging Equipment**

With fast-paced advances in biomedical technology comes the need to upgrade major pieces of diagnostic equipment. Ninety-eight per cent of our patients require medical imaging such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs and diagnostic tools to accurately screen for, diagnose and even treat illness.

This year, we achieved a milestone in imaging when we installed Canada's first MRI machine that is dedicated to Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) clinical research. This technology will help doctors diagnose patients more accurately, recommend therapies, track progress and make adjustments quickly.

Over the coming years, we will need to increase our capacity in areas such as the use of Interventional Radiology to precisely guide surgeons and radiologists through minimally-invasive interventions that require smaller incisions, have fewer side effects and help patients heal more quickly. This option can be life-saving for frail older patients, unborn babies and cancer patients with hard-to-treat tumours.

Additional Renew Sinai improvement will include increased medical/surgical capacity, a redesign of our ambulatory care areas and the redevelopment of a full-service, in-house Medical Devices Reprocessing Department.







Earlier this year, the first-ever Jennifer Landa Breast Cancer Visiting Lectureship took place at Mount Sinai Hospital as part of Medical Grand Rounds with Dr. Rowan Chlebowski from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. The lecture series was the vision of Dr. Pamela Goodwin and will bring international breast cancer leaders to Mount Sinai. The lecture was made possible by Jennifer Landa who has raised almost \$150,000 in her fundraising campaign. If you would like to learn more about Jennifer's journey and fundraising campaign please visit supportsinai.ca/jennlanda

ore Canadians are living with complex or chronic illnesses such as dementia, diabetes and arthritis – all clinical areas of strength at Mount Sinai Hospital, Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Health Complex, Through medical and scientific breakthroughs, incredible advances have been made, but living with chronic disease can pose great challenges for patients.

#### Cancer as a Chronic Illness

With great advances in cancer care, there is greater hope than ever that we may be able to one day treat certain types of cancer as a chronic disease – one that can be managed throughout a patient's life. However, we are not there yet.

Every day, clinicians at our Christopher Sharp Cancer Centre treat cancers that can be challenging, fast-spreading and complex -- breast, bladder, prostate, gastrointestinal, endocrine, gynaecologic, opthalmologic and head and neck, as well as sarcomas. We are at the forefront of innovative treatments, surgeries and research that provides connected care for those facing this life-changing diagnosis.

In many cases, our patients never have a recurrence, or when they do, we can manage the cancer. But there are still too many patients who will not recover from their cancer. Jennifer Landa is one of those patients. And she is determined to help transform the future of cancer care by sharing her story.

#### Jennifer Landa's Story

After more than a year of living breast cancer-free, Jennifer is facing a terminal diagnosis. In August, Jennifer was having trouble breathing; a CT scan revealed that her cancer had returned, and spread. Her doctors at the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre developed a treatment plan to give her as much time as possible.

Then, in early October, she began to experience unusual tremors in her left arm and leg. Within an hour she was vomiting and could barely walk.

Her elder brother Michael brought her to the Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Centre at Mount Sinai, where clinicians treated her symptoms. In her follow-up appointment with Dr. Pamela Goodwin, Director of the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre and the Murray & Marvelle Koffler Chair in Breast Research, a CT scan was ordered, and she was admitted to the hospital, where she also had an urgent MRI. The tests revealed that the twitching was due to a localized seizure caused by one of 10 tumours in her brain.

After a few days in the hospital, Jennifer returned home, grappling with her latest diagnosis that she had just months left to live. Jennifer has faced her cancer journey with courage and grace and the determination to help others in the time she has left. Jennifer is leading her own fundraising campaign to raise money through her vast network of loved ones and supporters. To date, she has raised almost \$150,000 to support the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre.

"Jennifer has been a shining light," says Dr. Goodwin. "She is strong and gracious and much loved and appreciated by the staff and other patients for her sense of humour, her joie de vivre and her unfailing ability to positively impact everyone around her. She has become an important champion for our breast centre and for countless other patients living with this unpredictable disease."







After suffering a fall which tore the tendon in his quad, Bernie Syron required surgery and was transferred to Bridgepoint for rehabilitation. From his light-filled room, to the tranquility of the rooftop garden, Bernie's stay was unlike his experience at any other hospital. "Bridgepoint is quite exceptional," says Bernie. "I've never seen so many people dedicated to making someone get better. Bernie stayed at Bridgepoint for over three weeks to regain his mobility. Inspired by the care he received, Bernie made a donation to support caregivers to help patients transition from hospital to home.

n the fall of 2013, Michael Posluns was stricken suddenly with a mysterious and debilitating illness that was eventually diagnosed as West Nile Virus. Since that time, Michael has been a complex continuing care patient on the Neurological Care Unit at Bridgepoint Active Healthcare. While Michael was becoming a long-term patient, his partner Marilyn Eisenstat found herself in a new role: family caregiver.

Marilyn wore many new hats: translator, navigator, and advocate.

Her experience, like that of many other family caregivers across the province, is why Sinai Health System has embarked on a new project to support them. The three-year project, the Caregiver Friendly Hospital and Community Hub, is a partnership with WoodGreen Community Services and made possible with a \$2.6 million grant from The Change Foundation. The goal is to commit to a common vision of creating a caregiver-friendly experience, where no caregiver is left behind, in hospital or in the community. The project will be based at the Bridgepoint campus, with the goal of translating the work across Sinai Health System.

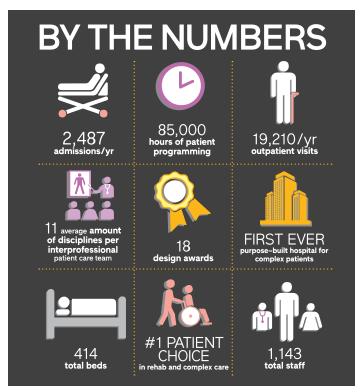
During a family caregiver outreach and engagement event, we heard directly from them about the need to improve the family caregiver experience. Marilyn, who participated in the session, noted, "The event and interaction with staff and other caregivers allowed me to pause and reflect on the uniqueness of each of our situations, as well as the shared experience."

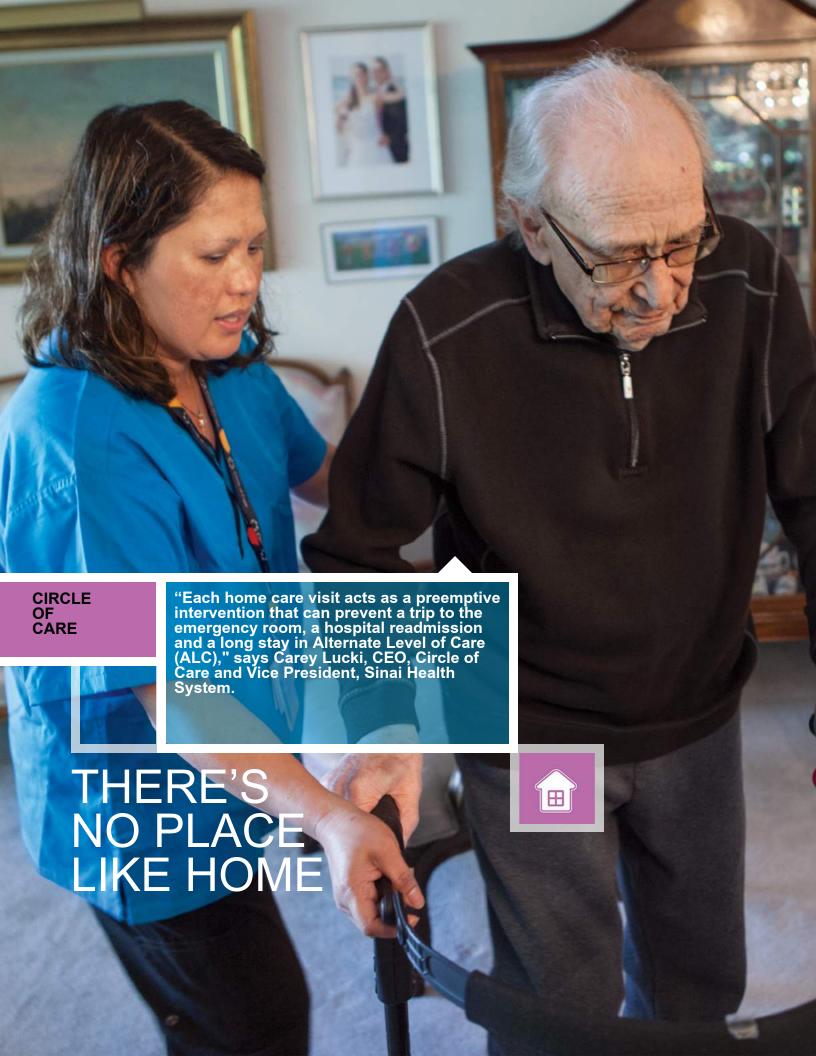
Family caregivers can provide a significant wealth of knowledge about a patient or client's care needs. "Ensuring that every family caregiver is brought into the circle is, in essence, a step we can take to improving patient and client outcomes within our organizations," says Lily Yang, Sinai Health System's Director of Quality and Patient Experience. "We want to build our staff's mindfulness, engagement and communication skills to bring family caregivers into the circle of care, because we believe it is through these important interactions that we can engage and support our family caregivers."

Instrumental to our caregiver initiatives is wrapping this clinical work with research enabled by the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute's Collaboratory for Research and Innovation.

Dr. Kerry Kuluski, a Research Scientist in the Collaboratory, has been collecting patient and caregiver stories for many years, "A recurring theme in these stories is that the care provided doesn't line up with the needs of people, and caregivers often feel ignored and overwhelmed," says Dr. Kuluski. "The challenge is that collaborating with patients and caregivers in research and clinical practice is unchartered territory. This grant allows us to kick-start new and innovative ways of delivering care that is more meaningful for people."

Marilyn is equally excited about how the *Caregiver Friendly* Hospital and Community Hub will put the spotlight on caregivers. "The project pfrovides the opportunity to make the family caregiver feel recognized and respected. If we fulfill our own roles with better knowledge, support and confidence, everyone benefits."







Ensuring older adults continue to live in the community with independence and dignity is the motivation behind the Waugh Family Foundation Subsidy Assistance Program. Through this grant, clients and caregivers with limited income may qualify for funding to cover additional services like homemaking, personal care, caregiver relief, Kosher Meals on Wheels, transportation, and programming through the Day Centre for Seniors with Alzheimer's and Dementia. As a result, isolated seniors have an opportunity to socialize and ensure their basic needs are met and family caregivers benefit from extra support.

ecent news headlines and government initiatives have clearly identified how Canada's rapidly aging population is already testing the limits of a health-care system that is struggling to keep up. For 42 years, Circle of Care has been continually innovating services and supports that help keep older adults out of hospitals and long-term care facilities, allowing them to live more comfortably and independently at home.

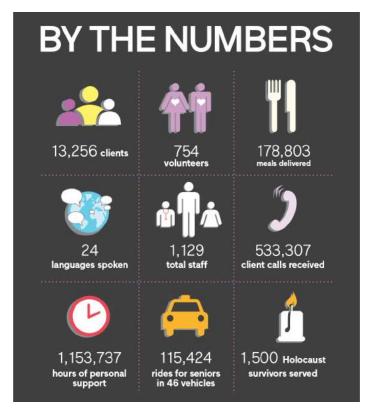
Last year alone, Circle of Care provided clients with more than one million hours of personal support services, including bathing, hygiene, dressing, light housekeeping and meal preparation. "Each home care visit acts as a preemptive intervention that can prevent a trip to the emergency room, a hospital readmission and a long stay in Alternate Level of Care (ALC)," says Carey Lucki, CEO, Circle of Care and Vice President, Sinai Health System. "Our team of personal support workers, social workers and nurses are trained to spot subtle changes in a client's general health and their overall ability to cope. If a client begins to decline, we follow up immediately to make sure the appropriate next steps are taken."

#### **Transitioning Back Home**

For older adults who do end up in hospital, it can be common for patients and caregivers to feel anxious about the transition back home because they don't know how to access the community supports that will aid in their recovery. To help address this gap, a collaborative pilot program was launched at Mount Sinai Hospital that leverages Circle of Care's home care expertise. Through a generous donation from the Max and Larry Enkin Family Foundation, a community social worker from Circle of Care was assigned to Mount Sinai as a dedicated Social Work Care Navigator. In this role, Revital Shuster works with patients and families pre- and post-discharge to make sure the appropriate community supports are put in place to ensure a successful transition home, and to reduce the risk of readmission. "We know that patients ultimately want to be back home with their loved ones," says Ms. Shuster, "but it can be overwhelming to figure out who to call for help." By connecting people to resources and advocating on their behalf, the transition from hospital to home is being significantly improved."

#### **Promoting Independence at Home**

Circle of Care also continues to innovate its services to help balance health inequities across a diverse client population. This year, the successful Kosher Meals on Wheels program, heavily supported by volunteers from the community, celebrated its 50th anniversary. More than just a nutritious meal, each delivery helps to combat the effects of social isolation for these clients, many of whom are Holocaust survivors. "For some individuals, the meal delivery might be the only social interaction they have all day," says Ms. Lucki. "In situations like these, it becomes much more than just a meal delivery - it's a friendly chat, it's a safety check and it's a connection to the outside world."







Last fall, Sinai Health Foundation hosted its marquee event Dinner with Scientists presented by PearTree Financial to a crowd of more than 400 guests from the philanthropic and business community to benefit the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute (LTRI). The evening began with a VIP Reception hosted by PwC. For the main event, Arianna Huffington was the keynote speaker followed by an expert panel sponsored by Gluskin Sheff featuring our LTRI scientists who discussed how important connections lead to discoveries. Special thanks to our co-chairs Stacev Cynamon, Laura Dottori-Attanasio and Judy Tanenbaum.

unenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute (LTRI) is home to Canada's largest neonatal research program in Canada. Our researchers and clinician-scientists are at the vanguard of research that will have an impact on the health of mothers and their babies both nationally and internationally.

#### Impact of Early Childhood Development Research to be felt internationally

It is estimated that 250 million children do not reach their developmental potential because of malnutrition and poverty. To address this issue, Dr. Stephen Lye, Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary Chair in Women's and Infants' Health Research, and his colleagues at the LTRI have developed vital new guidelines about how to best support early childhood development in lower and middle income countries.

"Traditionally, we have tried to address the issue with programs such as food-aid, parenting programs or child protection programs. But what our research is telling us is that we need to break down these individual pillars and think about supporting children's health more broadly and comprehensively," says Dr. Lye.

This past spring, Dr. Lye and his colleagues led an initiative to bring national leaders together in Ottawa to review their team's findings. They also launched the Alliance for Human Development to advance research on the critical importance of the first 2,000 days of life on a child's life-long health and wellbeing.

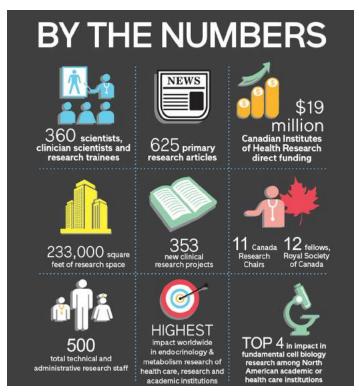
#### **More Precise Prenatal Testing**

Two thirds of the pregnancies cared for at Mount Sinai Hospital are considered to be high risk. For this patient population, risks such as pre-term birth, or a potentially deadly condition called preeclampsia, are always on the radar, and researchers are looking for ways to identify warning signs that allow for interventions as early as possible in pregnancy.

Based on research conducted by Dr. John Kingdom, Associate Scientist at the LTRI, and Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist at Mount Sinai Hospital, pregnant women at Mount Sinai now have a new blood test available to them for the detection of preeclampsia.

"The Placental Growth Factor (PIGF) test tells us very specifically what the risk is so we can determine the right level of care. If we are able to rule out preeclampsia, we can avoid a hospital admission or inducing an early birth unnecessarily. If we identify a risk, we can act quickly," explains Dr. Kingdom.

In addition, Dr. Lye finalized an agreement this year with BGI, one of the world's largest genomics companies, to develop new diagnostic tools. "We recently discovered biomarkers that can predict the risk of pre-term birth. It is our hope that this new partnership will open the door to new markers for a number of conditions that affect both the mother's and baby's health," explains Dr. Lve.





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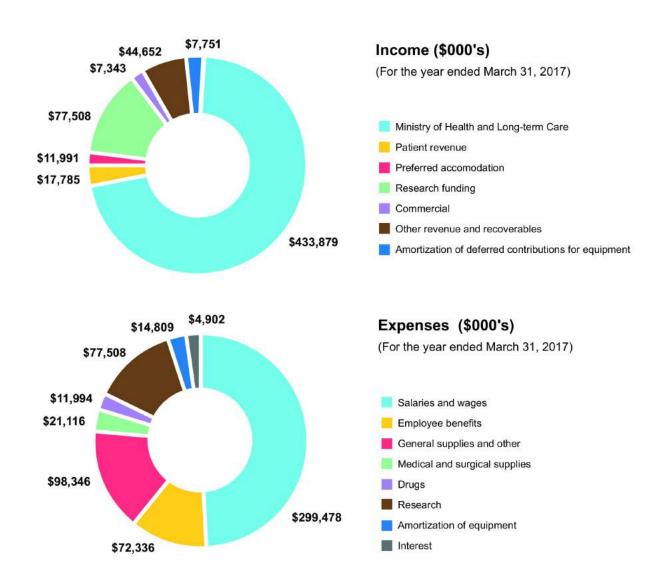
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#### **OUR FINANCIALS**

The following charts show the distribution of revenue and expenses for Sinai Health System for 2016/17. Audited financial statements are available on our website.





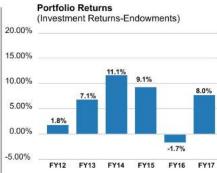
#### **ENDOWMENTS**

Endowments play an instrumental role by providing long-term investment with lasting impact. The Sinai Health System Investment Committee's objective is to preserve the real value of capital while providing a stable and reliable source of income to Sinai Health System.

#### Sinai Health Foundation

Asset Allocation at Market Value as at March 31, 2017 (CDN \$ '000s)

Endowment Fund Investments	Cash Equivalents	Bonds	CDN Equities	US Equities	Int'l Equities	Alternative Strategies	March 31, 2017 Total
Total Amount	12,168	23,347	18,725	24,375	1,072	22,769	102,456
% of Portfolio	11.90%	22.80%	18.30%	23.80%	1.00%	22.20%	
Managers		PH&N State of Israel	Barometer TD Wealth- RBC Pembroke	Barometer TD Wealth- iShares Pembroke	Barometer	Harbour Edge Polar Altairis UBS Masterfund	



The average return over the past six years has been approximately 5.8%

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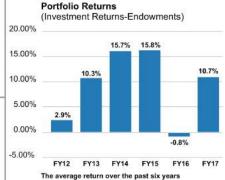
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Total Amount	207	1,403	899	1,410	689	191	4,608
% of Portfolio	4.49%	30.45%	19.51%	30.60%	14.95%		
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Total Amount	670	8,058	6,404	4,814	2,525		22,471
% of Portfolio	2.98%	35.86%	28.50%	21.42%	11.24%		
Managers		MFS					



has been approximately 6.4%

#### Combined Foundation \$11,225,012 **Grants Distributed to** Sinai Health System (For the year ended March 31, 2017) \$11,376,517

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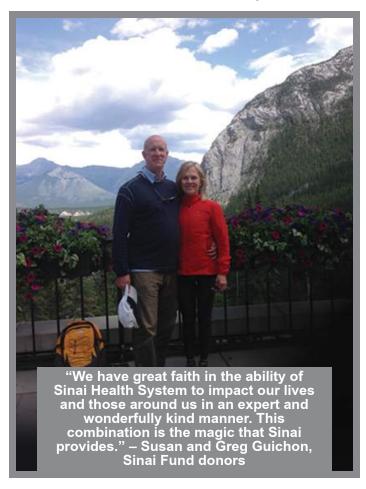


inai Health System is forging connections that make health care more seamless, accessible and person-centred for all our patients and their loved ones – connections made possible through the support of our generous donor community.

Every year, our donors support Sinai's mission in a variety of meaningful ways: through annual and monthly giving, fundraising events and gifts of all sizes in support of caregivers, clinical programs or research initiatives. Each and every gift is deeply appreciated and plays a critical role in helping us care for our present and future patients.

Some of the most impactful donations we receive come through the Sinai Fund and the Breakthrough Fund. These funds – by pooling together the undesignated contributions of thousands of donors – amplify the impact of each donation, and help ensure our clinicians, researchers and staff are able to do the vital work we've become renowned for: providing exceptional patient care and leading breakthrough discovery science research that improves patient care outcomes.

Last year's contributions to these funds included annual gifts from over 10.000 donors totaling more than \$2 million, as well as larger philanthropic gifts from individual and corporate donors. Together, these gifts allow us the flexibility and opportunity to support a wide range of initiatives crucial to the success and future of Sinai Health System.





#### A WORD FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

The past year has been a time of extraordinary change and renewal for Sinai Health Foundation. We are excited to be partnering with Dr. Gary Newton, newly appointed last year as CEO of Sinai Health System, and Brent Belzberg, who last year became Chair of Sinai Health System's Board of Directors, to help advance Sinai's commitment to deliver seamless, connected care to patients with even the most complex health needs and to lead groundbreaking research that will ultimately transform the way we prevent, treat and understand disease.

With the support of our valued donors, we have begun laying the crucial groundwork that will enable us to best support Sinai's mission in the years ahead. To that end, we are engaging our community around Sinai's most pressing initiatives, and we continue to support Bridgepoint Foundation in collaborating with longtime donors to advance Bridgepoint Active Healthcare's unparalleled leadership in caring for complex patients. In December, we welcomed Arthritis Research Foundation to our Sinai Health Foundation family as the sole fundraising arm for arthritis and autoimmune disease research for Sinai Health System. Through these partnerships, we are amplifying our ability to strategically support the goals and priorities of the entire system and the patients and families who depend on us for their care.

We are deeply grateful to Joseph Mapa, who stepped in last year to helm Sinai Health Foundation, for his exceptional interim leadership, and for the generous and unshakeable support of our community of donors, staff, board members and volunteers. We look forward to working with all of you in the coming months and years to champion Sinai's vision to improve the health of all Ontarians.

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#### Impact Highlight: The Sinai Fund

The Sinai Fund supports Sinai Health System's highest and most urgent clinical priorities: modernizing clinical facilities, fueling medical research and promoting system-wide innovation to drive better, more coordinated care for patients and families – all of which are essential to Sinai's mission to become Canada's leading integrated health-care system.

Over the past year, donors have supported the Sinai Fund in many powerful and unique ways. On June 9, 2016, members of Toronto's Chinese community raised over \$130,000 for the Sinai Fund through our first annual Sinai Radiothon, a live fundraising broadcast from Mount Sinai Hospital, Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Health Complex. For the event, which attracted 500 new donors to the Sinai community, Sinai partnered with Fairchild Radio, a Chinese radio station, to share stories of impact – broadcast in Cantonese and Mandarin – from patients, staff, donors and volunteers from across Sinai Health System.

In September, the second annual CEO Trip to New York raised more than \$400,000 to further propel the work of Sinai Health System and was co-chaired by long-time supporters Brian Porter and Larry Tanenbaum O.C., the two-day event brought a select group of business leaders together to meet some of the world's most interesting people from four-star general and former CIA Director David H. Petraeus to former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.



#### Impact Highlight: The Breakthrough Fund

The Breakthrough Fund supports the highest priority needs of the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute (LTRI), one of the world's foremost biomedical research institutes. The Breakthrough Fund enables us to invest in research programs, post-doctoral talent, infrastructure, technology and equipment that isn't publicly-funded and take advantage of new opportunities to advance medical research in fields from cancer to brain health.

For over 30 years, the LTRI has advanced our understanding of human biology, integrating research into the clinical setting to combat today's most prevalent diseases. But because government funding does not fully support all of the costs associated with such groundbreaking research, a further \$2,500 of philanthropic support is needed to fuel each hour of research. Breakthrough Fund donors like Anneliese Viveiros and Moti Jungreis help to fill that gap, enabling the LTRI to make discoveries that ultimately result in better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat illness.

Following her first contribution through Mount Sinai Hospital's Annual Giving program in 1992, Anneliese Viveiros had quietly reflected on how she could make a bigger impact. In December, she made an extraordinary gift to help support the costs associated with running the lab of Dr. Andras Nagy, Shawn Kimel Research Scientist, who is leading world-renowned stem cell research that has the potential to reverse the rayages of disease.

Moti Jungreis, who has served on Sinai Health Foundation's Investment Committee since 2015, made a significant gift earlier this year in support of the Breakthrough Fund. "As a member of the Investment Committee, I help the Foundation make thoughtful, strategic investments that create opportunities for continued growth and success. I see my gift to the Breakthrough Fund as very much the same thing. An investment that supports research today will help ensure better outcomes for patients in the future. I can't think of a more meaningful way to support Sinai," says Moti.

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n Canada, many of our patients are living with multiple chronic and complex health issues, such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions and mental health issues. These patients are now the rule, not the exception, and this trend will only increase as our population continues to age. Currently, our health-care system is setup to accommodate patients with one major illness or injury, not the patient with multiple health issues.

Bridgepoint Active Healthcare is the only healthcare organization in Canada, and internationally, dedicated to improving the lives of people with complex health conditions. Bridgepoint researchers are looking for ways to transform the healthcare system, so that we can give these patients the care they need more efficiently.

"Complex patients are a very challenging group to treat," says Dr. Ross Upshur, Director of the Collaboratory for Research and Innovation at Bridgepoint Active Healthcare and Assistant Director of the Lunenfeld Tanenbaum Research Institute. "They have multiple conditions and see a lot of different care providers. And they may be dealing with issues in their lives – like housing and food insecurity – that can negatively affect health. Treating them requires a different approach and we're working to find ways to deliver better care for them."

Bridgepoint is home to the Collaboratory for Research and Innovation part of the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute, the only research centre in Canada dedicated to the study of chronic and complex patients. Dr. Upshur and his team are exploring some of the fundamental issues of complex care to build a more comprehensive understanding. Their research, which often involves studying real patients with real problems as opposed to only aggregated anonymous data, is focused on trying to figure out what the best model of care is, how to measure its effectiveness and what tools healthcare professionals need to deliver this type of care.

But more research is necessary to effectively respond to complex patients' needs and work towards health system transformation. Donations to Bridgepoint Foundation ensure that this research remains at the forefront.

"We're seeing many people in their 40s and 50s who all have the risk factors for multiple complex conditions, and our research shows that once you enter your late life-course as a high health services user, you stay there," says Dr. Upshur. Wherever possible, we need to address their issues upstream, before they become complex patients."

#### A WORD FROM PAUL GALLAGHER



It's been another exciting year at Bridgepoint Foundation. As we improve lives of people with complex health conditions, Bridgepoint strives to be a leader in patient-centred care. Through research, we are looking for ways to transform the current healthcare system to give complex patients the care they need.

Bridgepoint was designed to best support the recovery of complex patients. This year, Bridgepoint and its architectural partners were awarded the prestigious Governor General's Medal in Architecture, the highest recognition for architecture in Canada. This award was very meaningful and recognized how state-of-the-art facilities and superior design can transform care.

Continuing our focus on patient-centred care, we introduced a new education program where staff learned from our patients. The interprofessional education (IPE) placement program invited students from a variety of disciplines to learn from each other and from patients, evoking rich discussions about the importance of integrating patients into the overall care team.

Our achievements and milestones of the past year would not be possible without the support of the community. This year, passionate cyclists rode for us in Hero Ride, and we dazzled donors at the 6th annual Great Jewellery Heist. These events continue to generate critical funds for Bridgepoint.

On behalf of Bridgepoint Foundation, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all of the generous donations and support this year. Because of valued donors like you, we are able to invest more funding into care, research and education to help improve the quality of life for our patients.

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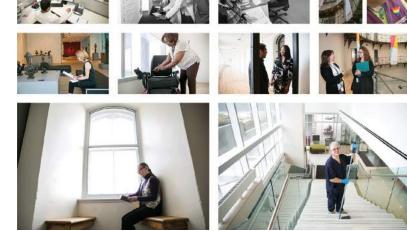
#### IMPACT HIGHLIGHT: THE JEREMY LIGHTSTONE INTERNET CAFE

The Internet Café is a vital link for patients at Bridgepoint, keeping them connected with loved ones. For several years now, the Lightstone family has been raising funds to dedicate the café in memory of their son Jeremy Lightstone.

Jeremy was an internet entrepreneur who passed away from cancer in 2011 at the age of 35, leaving behind his wife and young son. This year, his family reached their fundraising goal of \$500,000 and renamed the café in his honour.

"The Jeremy Lightstone Internet Café truly reflects Jeremy's vision of the potential that the internet embodies," says Jeremy's father, Ian Lightstone.

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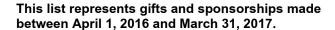
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ess than half a century ago, a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis was like a premature death sentence. It meant a life of restricted movement, disfigurement, severe chronic pain and hospitalization. But since then, knowledge about the illness has come a long way. In the last two decades alone, an explosion of clinical trials has led to a broader array of medications that keep symptoms and disease progression at bay.

Erinn McQueen is one of many rheumatoid arthritis patients who thrives for a period of time on a medication, but for reasons unknown, reaches a point when the same medication eventually ceases to work. A patient at Mount Sinai Hospital for 17 years, her journey began at age 21 when she was a star player on her university's varsity soccer team. All of a sudden she felt chronically exhausted and in pain. After several misdiagnoses, she was finally diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, thanks to a test that recognized a known biomarker in her blood, which shows up in about 70 per cent of cases.

As her illness progressed, she has had to change medications five times. At her worst, she was unable to brush her own hair or tie her own shoes, and she had to undergo several surgeries to remove damaged and disfigured joints, including a hip replacement in her early 30s

For Erinn, knowing that researchers are working on groundbreaking new treatments continues to give her hope about her future.

Even amidst our current technological advancements, picking the right medication for a patient is trial and error. "It's like tossing a coin," says Dr. Edward Keystone, Director of the Rebecca MacDonald Centre for Arthritis and Autoimmune Disease at Mount Sinai Hospital. "Right now, there is no simple test that can tell us which medication is best for each individual patient. But with the research discoveries we are making today using precision medicine, I believe we will be able to do that within the next decade."

"Things that were easy before my diagnosis, like climbing stairs or riding my bike, became very difficult," she says. "Ongoing research into new treatments has allowed me to enjoy these activities again."

#### A WORD FROM RICK LUNNY



This has been an exciting and energized year at the Arthritis Research Foundation (ARF). Recently ARF partnered with Sinai Health Foundation as the exclusive fundraisers for arthritis and related autoimmune diseases across Sinai Health System. This will allow us to do more for the 4.6 million Canadians

living with arthritis or one of the associated autoimmune conditions.

We don't often think of arthritis and autoimmune conditions as one of the top chronic diseases affecting Canadians, when in fact, these conditions are a leading cause of long-term disability in our country. By focusing our efforts on earlier diagnosis and targeted treatments based on each individual's genes and immune system, we hope to reverse this looming epidemic.

Our newly formed partnership with Sinai Health Foundation is helping take our world-class expertise to the next level. Through this partnership, we've established the Centre of Excellence in Precision Medicine for Arthritis and Autoimmune Disease to harness the power of precision medicine, matching the right person to the right drug at the right time. This joint initiative between the University of Toronto and Sinai Health System allows us to provide more personalized treatments for our patients.

Research continues to be at the forefront and is our focus. Researchers from the Rebecca MacDonald Centre for Arthritis and Autoimmune Disease are now working alongside scientists at the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute to pave the way to new discoveries that can be translated from the lab directly into patient care.

I want to express our sincere gratitude for the support and dedication of our donors, staff, board, and volunteers, who are essential in championing our cause. Your continued support allows us to advance care and research and provide personalized, connected care for our patients.

Rick Lunny Chair Arthritis Research Foundation Board of Directors



The Dolly Fund

#### **IMPACT HIGHLIGHT: THE DOLLY FUND**

The Dolly Fund was created by Millard Roth to honor his wife Dolly after her passing in September 2011. The Dolly Fund supports the work of Dr. Edward Keystone. Through genetic research, clinical correlation and drug therapy trials, Dr. Keystone and his team are working to provide the right treatment for the right patient at the right time. Thanks to the generosity of Dolly's friends and family, the Dolly Fund has raised an incredible \$105,000.

"After many years of enormous pain and eventual alleviating treatment, I know Dolly would be thrilled to know that we surpassed our fundraising goal and are making a difference for patients suffering from arthritis and autoimmune diseases," says Millard Roth.

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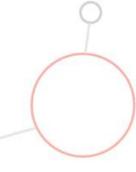
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## Sinai Health System In The News



#### THE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS

Kosher Meals on Wheels volunteers make special delivery to seniors More than 100 volunteers turned out to deliver 8,000 pounds of produce to seniors Sunday, April 2 as part of a special project by Circle of Care's Kosher Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers assembled at North York's Temple Sinai before delivering the goods to seniors around the GTA, predominantly in North York and Thornhill. One volunteer, Alla Galych, rounded up a group of family and friends to support the cause in lieu of a traditional birthday party for herself.

- "I decided to do something different and help the community," Galych said. "It was so meaningful.
- ... Helping people is more (meaningful) than a present."

#### **CITY CENTRE MIRROR**

Sinai Health System selects Dr. Gary Newton as new president and CEO Dr. Gary Newton is set to assume a role as the new president and CEO of the Sinai Health System (SHS). Newton, a graduate of the University of Toronto Medical School and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, is currently the chief medical strategy of cer and physician-in-chief with Sinai, in addition to serving on faculty at U of T. He is a leader in the eld of heart medicine, having headed up the University Health Network and Mount Sinai Hospital's division of cardiology from 2009 through 2013 and working on a research program that focused on congestive heart failure.

"Not only is Dr. Newton the best leadership candidate for the role, but he brings a wealth of experience and extensive knowledge of Sinai Health System to his new position," said Brent Belzberg, chair of the SHS board of directors.

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Mother's blood pressure predicts sex of baby before it is even conceived, say scientists Craving sweets, early morning sickness and a watermelon-shaped stomach are all said to indicate that a woman will give birth to a baby girl. But an intriguing new study suggests that it is possible to determine the sex of a baby months before it is even conceived. Scientists in Canadadiscovered that a woman's blood pressure at around 26 weeks before conception predicts if she will give birth to a boy or a girl. Higher systolic blood pressure signals she will deliver a boy while lower suggests a girl.

#### **EAST YORK MIRROR**

Riverdale's Bridgepoint hospital wins prestigious architecture award Bridgepoint Active Healthcare in Riverdale has received the highest recognition for architecture in Canada. Late last month, representatives from the hospital for patients with complex, chronic disease and disability along with architectural partners Stantec Architecture, KPMB Architects, HDR Architecture, and Diamond Schmitt Architects attended a ceremony at Ottawa's Rideau Hall to accept the prestigious Governor General's Medal in Architecture. Administered jointly by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and the Canada Council for the Arts, the Governor General's Medals in Architecture recognize outstanding achievement in recently built projects designed by Canadian architects.

#### **BEACH MIRROR**

Sinai Health System, WoodGreen partner to support and empower family caregivers Caregivers who visit their loved ones at Bridgepoint Active Healthcare in Riverdale are no longer being seen as visitors. As a result of a new partnership between Sinai Health System and WoodGreen Community Services, with the help of \$2.3 million in funding from The Change Foundation, family caregivers are now viewed as key partners in a patient's care team from the hospital to the community. This caregiver experience redesign is at the core of the new Cultivating Change: The Caregiver Friendly Hospital and Community Hub, which was launched Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Riverdale hospital for people with complex chronic disease and disability. Together with caregivers, Sinai Health and WoodGreen Community Services will be developing solutions that matter and work best for them.

#### THE NEW YORK TIMES

Putting Breast Cancer on a Diet Should weight loss be prescribed as a treatment for breast cancer? Scientists are recruiting thousands of women for a large clinical trial to nd out. The plan is to put heavy women age 18 and older who were recently given diagnoses of breast cancer on diets to see if losing weight will keep their cancer from coming back.

#### THE GLOBE AND MAIL

#### Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital sets example for caring for elderly patients

Samir Sinha likes to drop that line whenever he is explaining one of his hospital's lowest-tech innovations in caring for the elderly: A ban on breakfast in bed. Encouraging seniors to sit up in a chair for meals keeps them mobile, the geriatrician says, and that helps prevent the physical decline that old patients often suffer while they are in the hospital. "We know that bed rest can promote dysfunction," said Dr. Sinha, the director of geriatrics at Sinai Health System and the University Health Network, both in downtown Toronto. "If none of us actually eat breakfast, lunch and dinner in bed on a regular basis, why should we do that in the hospital?" Rethinking the way elderly patients take their meals is just one of the dozens of changes Mount Sinai has made since 2010, when it began implementing its Acute Care for Elders (ACE) strategy.

"Are we the Mount Sinai Hotel, or are we the Mount Sinai Hospital?"

#### THE WALRUS

How Childhood trauma can lead to chronic illness Mount Sinai Hospital psychiatrists Robert Maunder and Jonathan Hunter were featured in a Walrus article discussing the link between childhood trauma and chronic illness. The article looks at how child abuse and adverse childhood experiences can increase the risk of developing mental health issues and chronic illnesses, such as respiratory diseases and heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

#### **TORONTO STAR**

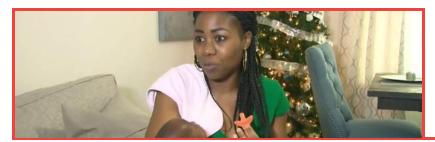
Internationally renowned surgeon Dr. Zane Cohen hangs up his scrubs Dr. Zane Cohen walked through the halls of Mount Sinai Hospital, a place he calls his second home, feeling "teary" and a "little sad" as he came into work Tuesday. The colorectal surgeon was hanging up his scrubs after his nal two surgeries, almost 40 years after he rst picked up a scalpel.

"I'm older," he says. "And 73. I felt that I could still do the job but I wanted to leave when I was still at the top of my game."

#### **TORONTO STAR**

How poor tobacco farmer Henrietta Lacks became a medical superstar after her death Some 66 years after her death, Henrietta Lacks lives on daily and guite literally — atop laboratory benches at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital. Indeed, cells taken from the cervical cancer that killed her in 1951 are still being cultured and used by the tonnes in labs around the globe, says biochemist Jim Woodgett, director of the hospital's Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum

"Oh, we use them all the time," Woodgett says of the thriving cells — dubbed HeLa after the two rst initials of their original owner's given and last names.



**CTV News** Mom donates breast milk.



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