

THE VERY FIRST FAMILY MEDICINE RESEARCH CHAIR FOCUSED ON HEALTH CARE FOR FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITIES

Ottawa, November 12, 2019 - The *Institut du Savoir Montfort* (ISM), the Montfort Foundation and the University of Ottawa's Department of Family Medicine (DFM) have partnered to create a new Family Medicine Research Chair, the first of its kind in French, in Ontario.

The goal is both simple and ambitious: improve primary health care for all Canadians while focusing on minority Francophone communities.

For Dr. Denis Prud'homme, Associate Vice-President of Research, Acting Chief Executive Officer and ISM's Scientific Director, this new Research Chair demonstrates ISM's leading role in the field of health research, not only in Ontario but across the country. "We strive to make a real difference in the lives of Francophone communities and researchers are on board with our vision," said Dr. Prud'homme before adding: "This new chair will be another incentive to attract researchers, fellows, postdoctoral fellows and highly skilled graduate students to Ottawa."

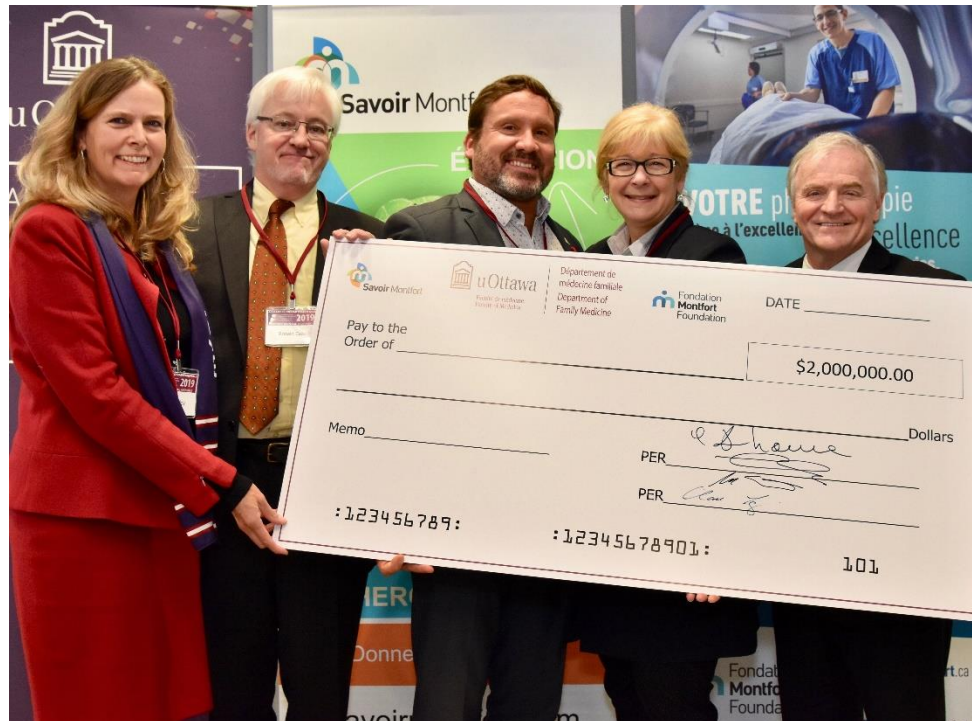
For Dr. Clare Liddy, Interim Department Chair at the DFM, encouraging innovation and promoting research intensity amongst our members translates to real results in improved medical education and better patient care. "Our Department's contributions and accomplishments in Family Medicine research are a source of pride, and we will continue to prioritize scholarship and research that advances the quality and delivery of primary care for all."

The jointly-funded creation of the new Family Medicine Research Chair's substantial funding amounts to 2 million dollars over 10 years, and is divided as follows: 1 million dollars from the ISM and the Montfort Foundation (\$500,000 each), and 1 million dollars from the DFM.

The DFM and the ISM will soon be starting their review process of the numerous submissions received from candidates before selecting a Chairholder.

As always, the DFM and Montfort are committed to improving the care provided to Francophone communities across Canada.

N.B. See the group photo on the next page.



In this photo, from left to right, Dr. Clare Liddy, Interim Chair for the Department of Family Medicine, Mr Ronald Caza, President of Montfort Foundation, Mr. Marc Villeneuve, Montfort Foundation's Acting President and CEO, Mrs. Céline Monette, President of ISM and Dr. Denis Prud'homme, Associate Vice President of Research, Acting Chief Executive Officer and ISM's Scientific Director

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About the *Institut du Savoir Montfort*

The Institut du Savoir Montfort (ISM) embodies innovation. Its unique model combines research and education and fosters the creation and transfer of knowledge as it relates to health care services, prevention, detection and treatment of physical and mental comorbidities ... because together we can truly bring knowledge to life!

About the Department of Family Medicine

As leaders in Family Medicine education and research, the Department of Family Medicine (DFM) offers excellent teaching and learning opportunities in both official languages at a range of sites in urban and rural settings across the National Capital Region. The DFM at uOttawa has over 400 teachers who train 150 residents and 160 medical undergraduate students annually.



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