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## Innovation

## Digital Health, Hacking Health form partnership

ORONTO – Digital Health Canada has announced the formation of a Joint Business Partnership Committee with Hacking Health, a Montreal-based not-for-profit organization that brings together innovators and healthcare experts to build solutions to front-line healthcare problems through the use of emerging technology.

The Joint Business Partnership Committee will combine the strengths of the two organizations to support Canadian digital health professionals with new programs, services, and events.

"Hacking Health's grass-roots engagement of health innovators across Canada and the world is inspirational," said Mark Casselman, CEO, Digital Health Canada. "We believe that this business partnership between Digital Health Canada and Hacking Health will enhance the value that our



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members, volunteers and partners receive. It will be a catalyst for innovation and a better health experience for Canadians."

The partnership formalizes a collaboration that started in 2014 with the first annual Hacking Health competition at e-Health Conference and Tradeshow, Canada's only national digital health event. Hacking Health at e-Health has since grown to be a soughtafter event of the annual conference, with driven participants consistently delivering innovative solutions to healthcare challenges.

Hacking Health co-founders Luc Sirois and Hadi Salah have both been instrumental to the success of

Hacking Health at e-Health, and the hacking health movement across Canada and internationally. "We are so excited to work with Digital Health Canada to drive the growth of the Hacking Health movement for collaboration, innovation, and creativity in healthcare. We are thrilled to take this important next step partnering for innovation in Canada," said Isabelle Vezina, executive director of Hacking Health.

## About Digital Health Canada

Digital Health Canada connects, inspires, and educates the digital health professionals creating the future of health in Canada. Its 1,500+ members form a diverse community of accomplished, influential professionals working to make a difference in advancing healthcare through information technology. Digital Health Canada fosters network growth and connection; brings together ideas from multiple segments for incubation and advocacy; supports members through professional development at the individual and organizational level; and advocates for the Canadian digital health industry. For more information, visit digitalhealthcanada.com.

## About Hacking Health

Hacking Healthis a not-for-profit organization that aims to catalyze cooperation by allowing the main stakeholders to co-create innovative, concrete solutions that meet healthcare challenges. With the help of its partners, Hacking Health promotes long-term initiatives: we encourage organizations and regions to work hand-in-hand with the stakeholders and help them transform in order to continually innovate. For more information, visit hacking-health.org.