

DIGITAL HEALTH CANADA AND HACKING HEALTH FORMALIZE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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December 10, 2018 – TORONTO – Digital Health Canada and Hacking Health today announced a strategic partnership aimed at strengthening Canada’s digital health innovation ecosystem.

Encompassing two of Canada’s foremost health innovation communities -- Digital Health Canada connects digital health professionals as they work to advance healthcare through technology and Hacking Health brings together innovators and healthcare experts to build front-line healthcare solutions -- the partnership will enable cross-sector stakeholders to form new connections and strengthen existing relationships as they work to create the future of health in Canada.

“We want to bring the Hacking Health spirit of collaborative innovation to the broadest group of digital health stakeholders in Canada,” said Isabelle Vezina, Executive Director of Hacking Health. “Partnering with Digital Health Canada creates new opportunities for connection and knowledge-sharing for our volunteers and our ecosystem across Canada.”

Benefits of the partnership include: Digital Health Canada Membership for Hacking Health volunteers and stakeholders; collaborative [Community of Action Working Groups](#); broader networks for both Hacking Health stakeholders and Digital Health Canada Members; and greater variety of available professional events and health innovation collaboration.

“I am excited about the benefits this partnership delivers to Digital Health Canada Members, Hacking Health volunteers, and Canadian healthcare stakeholders,” said Mark Casselman, CEO, Digital Health Canada. “Together, we are connecting the Canadian health ecosystem, from healthcare delivery organizations to private sector innovators, agencies to incubators, academics to entrepreneurs. With this partnership we welcome health-focused innovators who come to Hacking Health from healthcare (professionals and patients), tech, academia & research, government and investment, all working together to bring forward innovations that advance healthcare through digital health and health system modernization.”

Digital Health Canada connects, inspires, and educates the digital health professionals creating the future of health in Canada. Our 2500+ members are 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. digitalhealthcanada.com

Hacking Health has been catalyzing co-creation of solutions to frontline healthcare problems since 2012. This is achieved through the organisation of events such as hackathons that gather members of the health ecosystem, from programmers to physicians, from researchers to patients. With the help of technology, experts from different areas (marketing, design) and a good dose of entrepreneurial spirit, Hacking Health has seen the birth of thousands of ideas and innovative projects. As a non-for-profit organisation, the movement counts 53 chapters in 15 countries spread over all five continents. Hacking Health is also 180 leaders and 600 volunteers across the world! [.hacking-health.org](http://hacking-health.org)

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