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HACKING HEALTH & CHUM
HEALTHCARE INNOVATION FROM THE INSIDE

Montreal, February 19, 2019 - The University Hospital of Montreal (CHUM) welcomes Hacking Health headquarters into its Research Center. This confirms a mutual desire to collaborate and foster innovation. For Hacking Health, the non-profit organization with more than 50 chapters around the world, this is a first. Its core team is now immersed in a healthcare environment and close to medical teams and patients.

"Hacking Health offers an innovative approach focused on co-creation and ideas sharing which allows our teams to both speed up and go further while keeping in mind the benefit for our patients. We believe that collective intelligence enables a proper implementation of innovations, particularly those related to artificial intelligence, in healthcare," said Nathalie Beaulieu, Director of Education and Academy at the CHUM.

Teams from CHUM want to encourage innovation with Hacking Health. Hackathons or cafe discussions will connect medical teams with partners and experts from diverse sectors. This partnership allows the co-construction of innovative projects and the co-facilitation of educative workshops with the strength of multidisciplinary creativity.

Isabelle Vézina, General Manager at Hacking Health, is enthusiastic about this partnership. "We could not have a better location for our headquarters. Hacking Health belongs to the health ecosystem. We want to transform institutions by accelerating the generation and adoption of innovations. Collaborating hand in hand with a university hospital helps to generate impact more quickly."

This is a promising collaboration. The CHUM and Hacking Health has already held workshops to outline the School of Artificial Intelligence in Health (EIAS). This school is dedicated to future healthcare professionals, students, Quebec residents and patients.

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About the University Hospital of Montreal (CHUM)

The University Hospital of Montreal is an innovative hospital serving patients. It offers the best care, specialized and highly specialized, to patients and all Quebec residents. Thanks to its unique expertise and innovations, it improves the health of the adult and senior population. As the hospital center of the University of Montreal, the CHUM has a vocation of care, research, teaching, health promotion as well as evaluation of technologies and intervention mode in healthcare, with the goal to continually improve the quality of care and the health of the population. Since Fall 2017, patients and their loved ones have had a renewed hospital experience at CHUM's new facilities. chumontreal.qc.ca.

About Hacking Health

Since 2012, Hacking Health catalyzes the co-creation of concrete solutions to real healthcare issues. All around the world, Hacking Health gathers communities. Our volunteers organize events such as hackathons

that bring together doctors, nurses, administrative staff of healthcare institutions. They collaborate with entrepreneurs, designers, developers and patients to develop innovative solutions. Hacking Health initiated more than 1,500 innovative projects and is a not-for-profit organization with headquarters in Montreal. The movement counts 53 chapters in 17 countries on five continents with more than 600 volunteers who want to have a concrete impact on healthcare.

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