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Sudbury researcher appointed to Clinical Investigation Advisory Board

Toronto – March 16, 2007. Dr. Tom Hudson, President and Scientific Director of the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) today announced that Dr. Amadeo Parissenti has been appointed a member of the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research's Clinical Investigation Advisory Board (CIAB). Dr. Parissenti is the Chair in Cancer Research at the Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) Regional Cancer Program.

Dr. Hudson said, "I am very pleased that an excellent scientist from Northern Ontario who has expertise in translating laboratory discoveries into clinical applications is a member of the CIAB and I look forward to his contribution to OICR's clinical research programs."

"I congratulate Dr. Parissenti on his appointment to the CIAB," said Sudbury MPP Rick Bartolucci. "I know that he will bring the same level of dedication, passion and commitment to the OICR that he consistently demonstrates at the Sudbury Regional Hospital's Cancer Research Program."

The CIAB will advise OICR on strategies to augment the clinical translation potential of the Institute and to include clinician-scientists in its programs. It will also help set priorities for clinical research programs and help define the leadership needs of its clinical research programs.

The Board will be comprised of clinicians and clinical investigators with a diversity of backgrounds, such as medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, molecular pathology, and radiobiology. It will include representatives of cooperative trials groups, researchers in health services research and cancer biologists. The committee will have representation from academic and health institutions from across the province.

"This is an exciting opportunity to help shape and define this new and important institution, and perhaps to inject a unique northern perspective to its direction," says Dr. Parissenti. "It is an honour to be included in a group that contains so many respected colleagues, scientists and clinicians. I believe this speaks to the quality and growing reputation of our own research group."

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