



## Media Release

### Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety To Observe 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Educational Event - May 26

**Justice Murray Sinclair, CBC journalist Terry MacLeod and national patient safety leader Hugh MacLeod to lead an afternoon of reflection drawing on our past and present while looking to the future of patient safety**

#### **For Immediate Release**

**Feb 21, 2014 (Winnipeg, MB):** Today, the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety officially announced that it will host *Growing The Legacy*, a public educational event on Monday, May 26, 2014 to recognize MIPS' 10 years of service to Manitobans in the field of patient safety.

The independent, non-profit organization was created in 2004 by the provincial government to co-ordinate and promote activities that enhance patient safety.

The two-hour event will begin at 1:00 p.m. It will feature three well-known and respected leaders in their fields: The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, CBC Radio's Terry MacLeod, and Hugh MacLeod, the CEO of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments

The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair will provide his account of conducting the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Inquest, studying the deaths of twelve children in the pediatric cardiac surgery program of Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre in 1994. Twenty years later, the topic and loss of lives remains highly significant in the current environment of provincial inquests in healthcare and beyond.

"The Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety is delighted to have Justice Sinclair as our lead speaker," said Jan Currie, MIPS' board chair. "Justice Sinclair's findings would ultimately lead, in part, to the creation of our Institute to coordinate educational and other initiatives aimed at improving patient safety."

CBC Radio's Terry MacLeod will share his personal experiences and those of many people who have called in over the years to share their healthcare experiences during his award-winning radio talk shows.

Terry has quipped that he is 'a frequent flyer in Canada's healthcare system', having experienced exposures to emergency rooms and clinics in at least three provinces outside of Manitoba. He severely broke his leg eight years ago. He had quintuple bypass surgery in 2012. Last year he had his gall bladder removed and, as a result, this year he continues to fight a serious infection he picked up during his last hospital stay.

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“Respected, informed, inquisitive and compassionate are all words that describe veteran Manitoba media personality Terry MacLeod”, said Laurie Thompson, MIPS executive director. “We expect that Terry’s sense of humour, quick wit and skills as a communicator and story teller will make for a very lively, entertaining and thought-provoking 30-minute dialogue with our audience.”

Completing the afternoon’s speaker list is Hugh MacLeod, the Canadian Patient Safety Institute’s CEO. Hugh has a work record that demonstrates commitment to systems productivity improvement and a passion for leadership development. Hugh will share his knowledge of trends that are shaping patient safety initiatives nationally and internationally.

*Growing The Legacy*, The Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety’s 10th Anniversary event on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> is free of charge. The two-hour event begins at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre, 351 Taché Avenue in Winnipeg. The public is encouraged to attend. No registration is required. Light refreshments will be served following the event.

Please encourage others to attend by sharing the information about this event in your organization and with your family and friends. Promotional material is also available.

The program will be broadcast on MBTelehealth outside of Winnipeg. To book your site, call 1-866-667-9891.

Please encourage others to attend by sharing the information about this event in your organization and with your family and friends. To obtain posters, promotional material or information about *Growing The Legacy*, visit the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety website [www.mips.ca](http://www.mips.ca) or call 204-927-6477.

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**About The Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety**

Created in 2004, the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety (MIPS) promotes, coordinates and facilitates activities that have a positive impact on patient safety throughout Manitoba while enhancing the quality of health care for Manitobans. More information on MIPS is at [www.mips.ca](http://www.mips.ca) and [www.safetoask.ca](http://www.safetoask.ca) .