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**21 NEW CANADIANS WELCOMED IN FIRST-EVER  
CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY AT TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS**

*Hospital hosts special ceremony for the region's newest citizens as they  
take their Oath of Citizenship*

**November 8, 2019 (Mississauga, ON)** – Today, Trillium Health Partners joined with Immigration, Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and hosted a special citizenship ceremony at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga, the first in the hospital's history.

The event welcomed 21 new Canadians from ten different countries. Citizenship Judge Hardish Dhaliwal led the candidates in their oaths and the event was attended by Mayor of Mississauga, Bonnie Crombie and Mississauga—Erin Mills MPP Sheref Sabawy.

"Trillium Health Partners is honoured to host such an important milestone event for these new Canadians and their families," said Michelle DiEmanuele, President and CEO, Trillium Health Partners. "The diversity of our community is one of its greatest strengths. As we advance our mission of creating a new kind of health care for a healthier community, it is important to listen and learn how the hospital can better serve our newest Canadians."

THP serves the growing and diverse community of Mississauga, which sees over 18,000 newcomers each year. More than 50 per cent of Mississauga's residents were born outside of Canada and more than 130 languages are spoken here.

"Our country and our city have been built and enriched by generations of immigrants and their families who came to Canada in search of a better life," said Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie. "I want to congratulate and welcome our newest residents to the great City of Mississauga. I am confident that you will go on to have a positive impact in our community and beyond, enriching our social, economic and cultural fabric. Welcome!"

THP receives more than 1.7 million patient visits every year and is committed to creating a new kind of health care for a healthier community through strong community partnerships and relationships. THP believes that health is an integral part of a thriving community; that diversity should be fostered and celebrated; and that when the community comes together there is no limit to what can be achieved.

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**Trillium Health Partners**

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based hospital systems in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto and is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

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