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Promoting excellence and innovation in HIV research and care

## THE ONTARIO HIV TREATMENT NETWORK SEEKS DIRECTOR, APPLIED HIV EPIDEMIOLOGIC UNIT

The **Ontario HIV Treatment Network** (OHTN) is seeking a high-caliber senior epidemiologist for this scientist and senior management position.

Located in Toronto, the OHTN is a collaborative network of researchers, health service providers, policy makers, community members and people living with HIV who work together to promote excellence and innovation in HIV treatment, research, and education in Ontario. Our network supports and conducts high quality research to help end the HIV epidemic and shares the best available evidence with all those who can put that knowledge into action. We are an active, committed partner in Ontario's HIV/AIDS strategy. Internal OHTN scientists conduct programs of research in HIV prevention, population health and health services funded by CIHR and other external funders. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.ohtn.on.ca">www.ohtn.on.ca</a>.

The Director of the Applied HIV Epidemiologic Unit will lead the monitoring of the complex HIV epidemics in Ontario to support implementation of solutions to reduce new infections and facilitate linkage to and engagement in care among people living with HIV. This information is essential to develop and shape programs, services and policies related to HIV prevention, testing, and care and treatment. The Director will provide research leadership in characterizing the complexities of the HIV epidemic in Ontario using leading-edge and integrated data sources; build effective partnerships in health, social, community, and public health sectors; be an expert resource with knowledge users; be effective in knowledge translation & exchange strategies so that information is accessible, useable and effective in mobilizing change; secure external peer-reviewed funding as an independent investigator; and, mentor students, junior researchers, and community researchers in Ontario involved in HIV surveillance and epidemiology.

We are seeking an internationally recognized scientist with an established program of research and an impressive record of excellence in HIV epidemiology. Qualified candidates will have a PhD or MD with post-graduate degree in epidemiology/public health and a minimum of five years of experience leading a surveillance program. The Director will have a record of leadership success in building teams and fostering partnerships as part of collaborative research in community-based initiatives, and have very strong collaborative skills across diverse interests. He or she will have an exceptionable ability to communicate with researchers, health planners and policy-makers and community stakeholders from a variety of disciplines and experience with strategies for research dissemination, knowledge synthesis and translation and with mentoring of students or community researchers. He or she will possess in-depth knowledge of the social determinants of health and population health / health services frameworks. Expertise in mathematical and health economic modeling would be an asset.

The OHTN is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from persons living with HIV and persons with culturally diverse backgrounds. Applications should include a letter of introduction, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references (who will be contacted with consent of the applicant). Submissions will be accepted until the position is filled and should be forwarded electronically in confidence to: Sean B. Rourke, Ph. D., FCAHS, Scientific and Executive Director (<a href="mailto:srourke@ohtn.on.ca">srourke@ohtn.on.ca</a>).