Medtech Canada statement in support of the Ontario government’s Life Sciences Strategy

Toronto, ON, March 31, 2022 - Today, Medtech Canada issued the following statement from its President and CEO, Nicole DeKort, in support of the Ontario government’s Life Sciences Strategy:

“Medtech Canada strongly supports the Ford government’s new Ontario Life Sciences Strategy and its vision to establish the province as a global life sciences hub, which includes a targeted focus on the growth of the medical technology industry in Ontario.

As home to more than 1,300 medtech companies, employing more than 26,000 people in highly skilled, well-paying jobs, Ontario has strong foundation to build from, and the Life Sciences Strategy pulls together many of the missing elements to make the province a world-leading jurisdiction for medtech companies to grow and positively contribute to the province's health care system.

Far too many medtech innovators that have solutions to improve patient care, reduce surgical/procedural backlogs and contribute to health system efficiency face substantial barriers to getting their technologies adopted in Canada—often despite being utilized in other countries. We’re very pleased that the Life Sciences Strategy will be seeking to address these challenges in Ontario through the Strategy’s Supporting Commercialization and Adopting Innovation pillars.

Additionally, we commend the Ford government for linking the province’s Life Sciences Strategy to the province’s Plan to Stay Open, as well as initiatives to evolve and modernize supply chain and procurement practices in Ontario. This is highly beneficial because a strong local medtech ecosystem is critical for responding to any future health emergencies facing the province.

We look forward to supporting the Ontario Life Sciences Strategy in any way that we can and to continue our positive engagement with the Ontario government to harness the economic and health benefits offered by the medtech industry.”

About Medtech Canada

Medtech Canada is the national association representing the medical technology industry in Canada. Our association advocates for achieving patient access to leading edge, innovative technology solutions that provide valuable outcomes. Our members are committed to providing safe and innovative medical technologies that enhance the quality of patient care, improve patient access to health care, and help enable the sustainability of our health care system. The medical technology industry in Canada employs over 35,000 Canadians across the country.

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