



## **PRESS RELEASE** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **MD HEALTH MEDICAL RESEARCH INC. AND LAKERIDGE HEALTH SIGN RESEARCH SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**Vaughan, Canada, September 22, 2008** – MD Health Medical Research Inc. and Lakeridge Health (LH) are pleased to announce an agreement for research services to all campuses of the Lakeridge Health hospital network. The intention of this agreement is to support interested clinicians at LH in all phases of clinical research including proposals, development, review, management, publication and/or presentation of research studies. MD Health® will provide research services to all clinical areas at Lakeridge Health in an effort to successfully increase the overall number of clinical trials being conducted across the regional health network.

In 2008, Lakeridge Health established LHEARN (**Lakeridge Health Education and Research Network**). The goal of LHEARN is to build on the robust education, training and research currently being conducted at the hospital network. In 2006/07, over 27 years of medical student training and 204 years of training to healthcare students like physiotherapists, medical laboratory technologists, occupational and respiratory therapists, nurses and many others was provided at the hospital network. Eighty-eight research studies with universities, colleges, other hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and other private sector partners are currently being undertaken at Lakeridge Health.

#### **About MD Health®**

MD Health® has been conducting clinical trials across North America and through its history has contracted with over 250 principal investigators in hospitals across North America, in trials ranging from Phase II to Phase IV. MD Health® has extensive experience in working with the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries on a global market managing and recruiting clinical studies in specific therapeutic areas. These large multi-national, multi-centre trials have allowed MD Health® to emerge as a premier research management organization.

#### **About Lakeridge Health and**



Lakeridge Health is one of the largest community hospital networks in one of the fastest growing parts of Ontario. Our four hospitals located in Bowmanville, Oshawa, Port Perry, and Whitby work with health partners to promote health and deliver excellence in care to more than 500,000 people in our rural and urban communities. The network also boasts a regional Cancer Centre and Specialized Mental Health and Addictions program. The talents of 4,000 staff and physicians, and 1,200 volunteers combine to realize this vision by using their expertise energy and commitment to be Better Together.

The Lakeridge Health Education and Research Network (LHEARN) became operational in 2008. In addition to an expansion of training and education with the goal of provincial recognition as a teaching hospital, an integral part of LHEARN is the expansion of research studies at our hospital and other specialty sites. The enhanced provision of research services to physicians and staff will further develop and promote research studies within the hospital network.

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