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Hospital Research Spending Flatlines

Toronto ON, 31 January 2023. Canada's Top 40 Research Hospitals, Hospital Networks and Health Authorities reported a combined \$3.06 billion to research in Fiscal 2021, indicating flat 0.1% growth over Fiscal 2020, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual *Top 40 Research Hospitals* ranking. Over half (23) of the organizations lowered their research spending in Fiscal 2021, while 17 others increased research spending. The number of researchers nationwide increased by 3.9% to 9,889.

The top 3 organizations reported declines in research spending: Toronto's University Health Network (UHN), where outlays decreased -7.6% between Fiscal 2020 and Fiscal 2021 to \$453.0 million, led the Top 40 ranking. Hospital for Sick Children ranked #2 (\$278.1, down -1.3%), followed by McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) #3 (\$196.8 million, down (-4.5%). Provincial Health Services Authority moved into #4 spot (\$188.8 million, up 21.6%) and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, which maintained #5 position (\$174.5 million, up 5.9%), rounded out the 5 national research leaders.

"The Fiscal 2021 data are surprising and perplexing", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. "Just as COVID-19 was taking hold and there was a huge focus nation-wide on research, hospital research spending was struck. Perhaps many hospitals' all-hands-on-deck response to COVID treatment prevented them from boosting their research activities."

In Fiscal 2021, research spending growth was highest at Provincial Health Services Authority (up 21.6%), CHU de Québec - Université Laval (up 21.2%) and Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg (up 20.8%). This year only 5 organizations reported double-digit research spending increases. Ten research hospitals, hospital networks and health authorities are included in Research Infosource's *\$100 Million Club*, each posting research spending in excess of \$100 million in Fiscal 2021. Combined *\$100 Million Club* research spending accounted for 64% of the total (\$1.95 billion).

Researcher intensity - spending per researcher - was highest at Unity Health Toronto (Large tier, \$852,400 per researcher), Sinai Health (Medium tier, \$706,300) and Baycrest (Small tier, \$975,300). Organizational intensity - research spending as a portion of total hospital spending - was highest at University Health Network (Large, 17.2% of total hospital spending), Hospital for Sick Children (Medium, 22.9%) and Montreal Heart Institute (Small, 18.5%).

For more information: <https://researchinfosource.com/top-40-research-hospitals/2022>

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