

Media Advisory:
**Commissioner Cavoukian to address hospitals on
Freedom of Information at September 15 event**

TORONTO, September 8, 2011 – In celebration of “*Right to Know Week 2011*,” Ontario’s Information and Privacy Commissioner, Dr. Ann Cavoukian, will next week host an informative session for hospital staff as they prepare for Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation.

On January 1, 2012, Ontario hospitals will, for the first time, fall under Ontario’s *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*. This will give the public a broader right to access records held by hospitals, including records relating to administrative and operational functions, policy and financial considerations. Ontario is the last Canadian province to include hospitals under Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation.

Come and learn about what FOI legislation means for hospitals and Ontarians.

EVENT DETAILS

Date & Time: Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Mount Sinai Hospital Auditorium,
600 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, 18th Floor

Presenters include:

- Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Information and Privacy Commissioner, Ontario
- Tom Closson, President and CEO, The Ontario Hospital Association
- A panel of Ontario hospital CEOs: Dr. Bob Bell (University Health Network), Michelle DiEmanuele (Credit Valley Hospital), Rob Devitt (Toronto East General Hospital), Joseph Mapa (Mount Sinai Hospital)

More details on *Right to Know Week 2011* are available [here](#)

Media planning to attend the September 15 event – please register with the contact below.

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