More than 15 years after the release of the seminal Institute of Medicine report on medical errors, *To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System*, numerous multi-national studies suggest that a systemic quality and safety chasm still persists in clinical environments around the world. Similarly, models of health professions training have not managed to evolve rapidly or sufficiently enough to bridge the gap.

With health care demands continuing to shift and evolve in the 21st century, it is becoming increasingly important for medical education and practice to place a particular focus on enhancing quality of care, in order to exceed patient expectations – and ultimately, improve outcomes.

That’s why we’re issuing an urgent call to all educators and medical professionals to attend the upcoming *Building the Bridge to Quality* conference, September 28-29, 2016 in Niagara Falls, Canada.

This special two-day quality improvement and health professions education conference, held just prior to the 2016 International Conference on Residency Education (ICRE), will bring together thought leaders, learners, frontline clinicians and policy makers from around the world. Together, they will generate an actionable list of recommendations to guide the transformation of patient safety and quality improvement education, towards the end goal of ensuring that learning is fully integrated with and supported by clinical environments.

“The focus of this conference is to recognize there is a current gap in the quality of care – and the way we teach and train residents is a key enabler to closing this gap,” says Building the Bridge to Quality chair, Brian Wong, MD, FRCPC.

**Designing the Bridge to Quality**
Enhancing training systems and enacting health professions education transformation in order to produce better patient outcomes is the driving force behind this conference.

**Planning the Bridge to Quality**
During the two-day conference, participants will listen in on dynamic panels and join breakout groups facilitated by international leaders in patient safety and quality improvement, including:

- Karyn Baum, MD, MSEd
- Linda Headrick, MD, MS
- Eric Holmboe, MD, FACP, FRCP
- Fiona Moss, CBE, MD, FRCP
- Greg Ogrinc, MD, MS
- Kaveh G. Shojania, MD, FRCPC
- Eric Warm, MD, FACP
- Brian Wong, MD, FRCPC
- Emma Vaux, MD, PhD

These sessions will all stimulate important discussions around the overarching question: What would an integrated model of patient safety and quality improvement education look like?

**Building the Bridge to Quality**
The conference will wrap up with participants drawing up the blueprints required to kick off an international movement towards large-scale educational change. Here, attendees will engage and collaborate with international organizational and educational leaders, and discuss how to leverage fundamental changes to achieve the lofty goals put forward.

Make a commitment to health care quality improvement: Register today for *Building the Bridge to Quality*!

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