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## GROUPS JOIN FORCES TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON THE USE OF CPR

Ottawa — The Canadian Medical Association (CMA), the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), the Canadian Healthcare Association (CHA) and the Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC) today released a pamphlet which provides practical advice on the appropriate use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Dr. Jack Armstrong, President of the Canadian Medical Association stated that “This is a very positive partnership aimed at helping Canadians make difficult decisions about their health care.”

Raymond Lafond, Chairperson of the Catholic Health Association of Canada added “We believe the pamphlet will be a valuable resource for Canadians, assisting them in making decisions about CPR.”

“*Making Decisions About CPR*” is designed to equip members of the public with the knowledge required to make informed decisions about cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The pamphlet explains that CPR is not always beneficial, and that individuals should consider in advance whether they would want it administered in all circumstances.

The President of the Canadian Nurses Association, Eleanor Ross explained “Making a decision about resuscitation is not always easy. Registered nurses know that clients have many questions when it comes to end-of-life issue. We believe this brochure will be a helpful tool for them.”

“The rights of health care consumers regarding life-sustaining medical interventions must be respected”, added Tim Julien, acting president of the Canadian Healthcare Association. “CHA is pleased to be part of this cooperative effort with our health care partners to make this important information about CPR available to the public.”

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