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## **Roche invests \$1 million to put knowledge to work**

*Edmonton...* Roche Canada has established an endowed Roche Fellowship in Translational Research with a \$1 million gift to the Alberta Cancer Foundation. "Roche stands for innovation in healthcare," says Vice President Oncology Ciro Caravaggio. "And we are impressed with the coordinated provincial research approach taken by the Alberta Cancer Board and know we can make an impact here."

"Translational research transforms lab discoveries into solutions at the bedside," says Caravaggio. "At times, discovery outpaces our ability to put the knowledge gained to practical use. This fellowship will allow concentrated effort on ensuring implementation keeps pace, and patients benefit as soon as possible from what is learned."

"The gift is a tremendous boost," says Linda Mickelson, CEO of the Alberta Cancer Foundation. "It's a boost to our research enterprise and, most importantly, to our patients who benefit directly by the knowledge research generates."

Dr. Cyril Kay, Vice President Research for the Alberta Cancer Board, says the positions funded by the endowed fellowship will strengthen cancer research across the province. "One of the important pillars of our research program is development of the next generations of researchers," says Kay. "Fellowships like these are critical to developing that ongoing strength."

The endowed Roche Fellowship in Translational Research will be awarded annually through competition and is open to researchers throughout the province.

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**The Alberta Cancer Foundation** is the charity supporting the work of the Alberta Cancer Board. **The Alberta Cancer Board** is the provincial health authority responsible for coordinating and providing cancer prevention, research and care. Facilities operated by the Alberta Cancer Board include the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary and 15 associate and community care centres throughout the province.