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Health Sciences North (HSN) is committed to research excellence in cooperation with research partners and supporters that will directly contribute or assist in achieving improved care and well-being of individuals. The Health Sciences North Research Institute (HSNRI) has been established as HSN's affiliated research institute to advance HSN's research excellence. All research at HSN aims:

- (a) to enhance research, education and training related to health and healthcare delivery on a local, national and international basis;
- (b) to develop and promote healthcare research;
- (c) to promote the advancement of existing knowledge in the healthcare industry;
- (d) to provide a greater understanding of the cause of disorders through research;
- (e) to develop new treatments for illnesses;
- (f) to develop innovative methods for investigation and identification of healthcare concerns;
- (g) to promote evidence-based practices;
- (h) to develop projects, products and services relevant to the provision of healthcare; and
- (i) to engage in any other things as are consistent with the above principles.

HSN, within the limits of its available resources, and having due regard for the intended purpose of its patient care funding, will support research initiatives that meet the following criteria:

- The research initiative is consistent with the HSN Strategic Plan.
- Research will conform to HSN policies and guidelines covering research ethics and standards, professional conduct, and the protection of human research participants.

- The outcome of the research and the ownership of any new apparatus or procedures will be subject to the intellectual property policy of the HSN and/or the research affiliation agreements with the research partners.
- The Hospital is committed to maintaining coordination, avoiding duplication and fostering effective complementary research efforts with Laurentian University (LU), the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) and other research partners as identified in the affiliation agreements. There will be consultation on all new programs and plans with early identification of areas and projects for joint HSN and NOSM development.