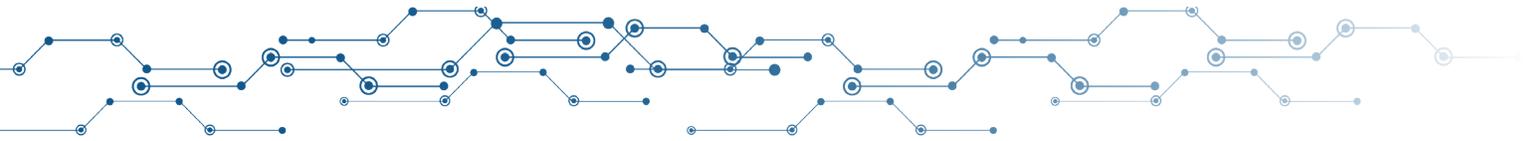


# Appendix C: Summit Opening Remarks

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## **Opening Remarks**

### **Canadian Summit on Healthcare Cyber Security**

#### **David Diamond**

As Chair of HealthCareCAN's Board of Directors, it is my distinct pleasure to invite you to the Canadian Summit on Healthcare Cyber Security.

Over the last year, HealthCareCAN has been working to communicate the challenges facing hospitals and health authorities as we work to modernize healthcare in a rapidly evolving digital world.

We do this as a part of our broader efforts in collaboration with the Government of Canada.

As the health sector Co-Chair of the National Cross-Sector Forum on Critical Infrastructure, HealthCareCAN has been working closely with the Public Health Agency of Canada and Public Safety Canada to improve Critical Infrastructure resilience in Canada's health sector.

This issue is important to our members, and to the communities we serve. Critical Infrastructure needs to be built, and also to be maintained. A hospital that rests on failing infrastructure is a doubtful ornament. We are working hard to make sure our facilities stand the test of time.

In the same way, we need to make sure that our digital infrastructure remains dependable, for the sake of users and patients. Doctors are famous for relying all too heavily on the fax machine. But in the rush to abandon it, it's fair to worry that we might be inviting something new and frightening into our system.

Today is about doing everything possible to ensure that doesn't happen. It's a worthy goal, and I'm proud to be a leader in an organization that doesn't flinch from it.

I wish you all the best in today's deliberations and look forward to the day's work.