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### **Toronto Region Research Alliance Applauds Expansion of Sanofi Pasteur's Connaught Campus**

Any child who's ever faced a vaccination needle — and any parent who's struggled to hold them still — can appreciate the prospect of fewer sharp pokes at the doctor's office. Now, sanofi pasteur, the world's leading vaccine company, has announced a \$30 million capital expansion project at its global manufacturing site in north Toronto, where it produces combination vaccines that require only one needle.

The vaccines being produced are Pentacel®, a combination vaccine given to children at ages two, four, six and 18 months that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, polio, whooping cough and *haemophilus influenzae* type b, as well as Quadracel®, given to children aged four and six years old. Quadracel® includes all but the *haemophilus influenzae* type b component.

Ontario's under-seven set isn't the only group cheering, however — Premier Dalton McGuinty attended the September 20 announcement at the company's Connaught Campus to congratulate Mark Lievonen, President of sanofi pasteur Limited. The Connaught Campus already employs over 1,100 people who research, develop, manufacture and market vaccines, and McGuinty recognized sanofi pasteur for putting Ontario research and innovation on the global stage.

"The fact that sanofi pasteur has chosen to substantially increase the manufacturing capacity of their Connaught Campus reflects the Toronto region's growing global R&D profile," says Ross McGregor, President and CEO, TRRA. "This region's highly educated workers and research-intensive industry combine to make this an ideal location for R&D investment and, in this case, that investment means that more children around the world can be protected from preventable childhood diseases."

Sanofi pasteur, the vaccines business of the sanofi-aventis Group, sold more than a billion doses of vaccine in 2005, making it possible to protect more than 500 million people across the globe. With the expansion of the Connaught Campus, sanofi pasteur will be able to ensure a supply of these critical vaccines for the 52 countries around the world where these products are currently licensed.

#### **ABOUT TRRA**

Launched in October 2005, the Toronto Region Research Alliance (TRRA) is an innovative network of regional leaders engaged in transforming the Toronto region into a world-leading centre for research and research-intensive industry. TRRA serves the broader Toronto region, embracing Hamilton, Guelph, the Waterloo region and the Greater Toronto Area. The board of directors is composed of presidents, chief executive officers and senior leaders from the region's business, research and municipal organizations. TRRA is a results-oriented, non-profit organization supported by a wide range of regional stakeholders and the governments of Ontario and Canada. For more information about TRRA, please visit [www.trra.ca](http://www.trra.ca).

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