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Dr. Paul O'Byrne inducted as Fellow of CAHS

HAMILTON, ON (21 September 2015) AllerGen Research Leader [Dr. Paul O'Byrne](#) has been elected a Fellow of the [Canadian Academy of Health Sciences \(CAHS\)](#). Considered one of the highest honours for Canadians in the health sciences community, CAHS Fellows are recognized for their innovative leadership, research excellence and commitment to advancing academic health science.

Founded in 2004, the CAHS provides timely, informed and unbiased assessments of urgent issues affecting the health of Canadians. The CAHS Fellowship recognizes Dr. O'Byrne's international leadership and significant contributions that have meaningfully advanced the academic health sciences.

Dr. O'Byrne is the executive director of the [Firestone Institute of Respiratory Health \(FIRH\)](#) at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, and Chair of Medicine at the Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine at McMaster University. He is internationally recognized for his contributions to understanding the causes and treatment of asthma, including the first studies of the central role of airway inflammation in its initiation and persistence. Dr. O'Byrne's studies of asthma have influenced treatment guidelines worldwide.

Dr. O'Byrne also leads AllerGen's [Clinical Investigator Collaborative \(CIC\)](#)—a multi-centre, Phase II clinical trials group that has positioned Canada as a leader in the discovery, development and commercialization of new tests and treatments for allergic airway diseases. As leader of the CIC, Dr. O'Byrne and his research team evaluate promising new drug molecules for the treatment of allergic diseases in both the upper and lower airways.

Dr. O'Byrne was inducted into the Fellowship at the CAHS Annual Meeting in Ottawa, ON, on September 17, 2015.

About AllerGen NCE Inc.

[AllerGen NCE Inc.](#), the Allergy, Genes and Environment Network (est. 2004), is a national research network dedicated to improving the quality of life of people suffering from allergic and related immune diseases. Funded by Industry Canada through the federal Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) Program, the Network is hosted at McMaster University in Hamilton. Visit www.allergen-nce.ca for more information.

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