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Web site launch for French Language Health Services and contest

Charlottetown, September 13, 2006 -- The Prince Edward Island French Language Health Services Network (PEIFLHSN) is pleased to announce the launch of its new French language health services web site for the Acadian and Francophone community on PEI. An online contest will coincide with the launch and will run from September 13th to the 20th, 2006. Please visit www.santeipe.ca for your chance to win a \$150.00 gift certificate.

Visitors to the site will find an on-line French Language Health Services Directory. This Directory will facilitate and improve access to French services, offered by either the government or the private sector. Health care providers who can offer bilingual or French language services are encouraged to visit www.santeipe.ca and register for inclusion in the French Language Health Services Directory.

Islanders can access current information in French relating to health promotion, prevention and management of chronic diseases.

French speaking students planning on pursuing a career in health will find information on French language health care training programs, grants and scholarships, residency programs and job opportunities within the health care system.

This web site is in support of the mission of the PEIFLHSN which is to propose solutions to increase access to French-Language health and social services thereby contributing to the full implementation of the French Language Services Act of PEI.

The production of this project by the PEIFLHSN and its partners (The P.E.I. Department of Health, *l'Association des femmes acadiennes et francophones de l'Î.-P.-É.*, *la Société éducative de l'Î.-P.-É.* and *la Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin*) is made possible through a financial contribution from Health Canada through the *Société Santé en français*.

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