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**Dr. Judah Denburg appointed as Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Fellow**

**HAMILTON, ON (16 September 2016)** [Dr. Judah Denburg](#), Scientific Director and CEO of the Allergy, Genes and Environment (Allergen) network, was inducted as a Fellow of the [Canadian Academy of Health Sciences \(CAHS\)](#) during the CAHS Annual General Meeting in Montreal on September 15.

Election to fellowship in the CAHS represents one of the highest honours for members of the Canadian 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 fellowship recognizes Dr. Denburg's long and distinguished career as an outstanding clinician-scientist whose leadership and vision have advanced the academic health sciences nationally and internationally.

In a separate honour, Dr. Denburg has been named to the [William J. Walsh Chair in Medicine](#) of the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University. The appointment is a five-year term, which will end on June 30, 2019. The chair is named for William Walsh, a founding father of McMaster's Faculty of Health Sciences, and an active and trusted physician in Hamilton for many years.

"Judah is among McMaster's most accomplished scholars and teachers," says Dr. Paul O'Byrne, Dean and Vice-President of the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University. "His CAHS Fellowship, as well as the Endowed Chair, recognize the importance of Judah's commitment to teaching, research and service, and will allow him to pursue critically important areas of study, and to recruit and nurture the next generation of researchers."

In addition to his leadership of Allergen, Dr. Denburg is Professor of Medicine, and Director and Chief of Service of the Division of Clinical Immunology & Allergy at McMaster University. He is internationally recognized for his expertise in autoimmune diseases such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), and for his pioneering research on the mechanisms of allergic inflammation and the development of allergic disease and asthma through the study of cord blood stem cells. He held the William J. Walsh Endowed Professorship in Internal Medicine from 2004 to 2016.

**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 through the federal Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) Program, the Network is hosted at McMaster University in Hamilton.

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