



Christine Touchette appointed Associate Director of the Support Program for the Autonomy of Seniors (SAPA)

I am pleased to welcome Christine Touchette as Associate Director of the support program for the autonomy of seniors (SAPA) for the *Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal* (CIUSSS-CO).

In this new role, and along with Barbra Gold, Director of SAPA, Ms. Touchette will oversee the planning, organization, control and evaluation of the range of clinical services provided in long-term and temporary care facilities, in intermediate resources, home care, and day centres. She will also work to ensure that the services offered through the CIUSSS-CO meet the needs of seniors in our care who are experiencing a loss of autonomy. Ms. Touchette will seek out innovative ways to strengthen community-based support to avoid the need for seniors to be hospitalized.

Most recently, Ms. Touchette spent three years in a director position at CSSS Cavendish. At the beginning, she was responsible for long-term care, and then transitioned into SAPA in long-term care and CLSC settings.

Throughout her career, Ms. Touchette has worked in healthcare, with specialization in senior care and services. She has a Master's degree in Social Work, and a range of experience in various health environments including CLSCs, long-term care facilities, intermediate resources, day centres, hospitals and community geriatrics units (UTRFs). With this background, she has a comprehensive knowledge of the continuum of care and services for seniors.

“The current reform presents a unique opportunity to create a true continuum of care and services for seniors,” says Ms. Touchette. “This new way of functioning will allow us to harmonize our models of practice in a way that best meets the needs of our patients and facilitates access to and provision of care. Additionally, we will realize our objectives by implementing best practices and using advanced technologies both in healthcare institutions and in community services.”

Together with Ms. Touchette, the rest of the management team, and in partnership with all of the institutions in our network, I am eager to embark on this new era in health care. With her vision and experience, and the expertise in our leadership team, I believe our talented and dedicated staff will be engaged and motivated to develop a range of services that provides an exceptional experience for seniors in our care.

See the full list of appointments: <http://jgh.ca/en/CIUSSS-Administration>

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