



**The Health & Technology District Partners with Spring Activator Inc.
*Spring Activator makes big impact on the health tech sector by bringing Global Impact
Philosophy to entrepreneurs in B.C.***

Surrey, BC - December 13, 2017 – The Health & Technology District has entered a partnership with globally recognized Vancouver-based Spring Activator Inc. to create a strengthened B.C. culture supporting entrepreneurs, innovators and startup companies.

The partnership will enable companies and entrepreneurs across the Lower Mainland and the province, as well as the District's growing national networks to capitalize on Spring's portfolio of mentorship, workshops and programs. Whereas, innovators and startup companies from Spring's programs can strengthen their transition towards clinical trials and market entry through the many local, national and international partnerships engaged through the District.

"The established excellence in programs and mentorship, including investor relations through Spring Activator complements the many entrepreneurs and innovators incubating here at the Health and Technology District," says Rowena Rizzotti, VP of Healthcare & Innovations at the Health and Technology District.

"Many of the Spring program graduates are ready to take their innovative products to the market or through the regulatory process, while there are many specialists and supportive agencies located here in the District to enable and expedite that process. Our collective goal is to improve the successful innovation and commercialization of B.C. based companies, so it is important for us to collaborate and ensure their success."

"We have provided guidance and support to over 600 entrepreneurs through all stages of growth and our collaboration with the Health and Technology District furthers our commitment to make an impact in the startup ecosystem," says Keith Ippel, CEO of Spring Activator. "Vancouver is fast becoming a hub on a global level for impact entrepreneurship, so building this leadership and infrastructure here is important for all of B.C."

Spring started in Vancouver in 2014 with a mission to use business as a force for good. Through roundtables, workshops and programs, Spring empowers social impact leaders with the know-how, network, support, mentorship and access to capital they need to build a better business and change the world.

About Spring Activator Inc.

Spring is a global impact community for purpose-driven leaders and impact entrepreneurs who want to build a better business. Unlike traditional resources, Spring provides action-oriented training and exceptional support that's backed by a global community. Over the past three years, Spring has supported 600+ local entrepreneurs, 225+ companies, has helped create more than 300 jobs in our local economy and enabled early stage funding of over \$11.5 million to be raised. <http://spring.is/>

About the Health and Technology District:

The Health and Technology District is one of BC's most rapidly growing and dynamic new health tech sector located in Surrey's emerging innovation ecosystem. The District includes a series of high-tech buildings, developed by Canadian-based Lark Group, located and under expansion, immediately



adjacent to Surrey Memorial Hospital. It is a unique collaborative cluster of multinational and start-up companies, international partners, clinical and research facilities, scientists, innovators and entrepreneurs, working in partnership to accelerate the implementation of technologies and solutions towards health care impacts and improvements. www.HealthandTechnologyDistrict.com

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