

**The 12<sup>th</sup>  
Global Harmonization Task Force (GHTF)  
Conference**



Theme: Realizing the Value of Medical Technology

**May 12 - 14, 2009**

Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, Canada

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## **GHTF AND ITS GOAL:**

The GHTF is a voluntary group of representatives from national medical device regulatory authorities and the regulated industry. The goal of the GHTF is to provide a forum for representatives of member regulatory authorities and industry representatives to work together to encourage convergence in regulatory practices related to ensuring safety, effectiveness, performance and quality of medical devices in ways that protect public health, promote technological innovation and facilitate international trade.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE GHTF CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

Canada currently holds the rotating Chair of the GHTF and is hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> GHTF Conference, which will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2009. The GHTF conference serves as an information exchange forum through which conference participants from the medical device industries meet the representatives of the medical device authorities.

### **Who should attend?**

- All Founding GHTF members
- Members of Regional Harmonization Working Groups
- Medical Device Regulators
- Senior Management
- Regulatory Affairs Professionals
- Students and Professors of Medical Technology and Regulatory Affairs
- Stakeholders affected by Medtech Regulations

### **Date and Venue**

Tuesday, May 12, 2009	12:00 – 17:30 Conference, including lunch, followed by reception (18:30 to 20:00)
Wednesday, May 13, 2009	08:30 – 17:30 Conference, followed by dinner (18:30 to 20:00)
Thursday, May 14, 2009	08:30 – 12:00 Conference

**Conference language is English.**

**Dress code for conference is business/business casual.**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada – Westin Harbour Castle Hotel  
1 Harbour Square, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 1A6  
Phone: 416.869.1600

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***\* Participant's must make their own reservations directly with the Westin Hotel. Hotel charges are at the participant's own account. To receive the special room rate of \$179 Cdn. per night, please identify yourself as attending the GHTF or Global Harmonization Conference.***

### **Registration / Fees**

\$ 999 plus GST	For industry / non-government representatives.
\$ 749 plus GST	For current members of the GHTF Steering Committee and Study Groups.
\$ 599 plus GST	For government representatives and university/college professors.
\$ 199 plus GST	For students.
\$ 99 plus GST	For accompanying persons (only attending the Tuesday reception and Wednesday gala dinner).

All registration fees are quoted in Canadian dollars and GST\* is extra. The registration fee includes:

- Unlimited access to all conference sessions;
- Delegate's kit including attendee list, program and conference papers;
- Evening program: reception on 12 May and gala dinner on 13 May; and
- Lunch and morning / afternoon coffee where indicated on the program.

\* GST – Goods & Services Tax is a 5% tax that is charged on most goods and services sold or provided in Canada.

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## **ABOUT TORONTO**

Toronto is a city built with and for the limitless imaginations of the people who come here to live and those who come to visit. It's a centre of rare openness, energy and style — an intimate metropolis showcasing world-class dining, shopping, creativity, architecture and entertainment. Its skyline includes the CN Tower, a Modern Wonder of the World; beaches; parks and distinct neighbourhoods with inspiring surprises around every corner. Beyond the city limits are fabulous regional attractions such as Niagara Falls, a renowned wine region and many outdoor adventures. Toronto engages your imagination with an experience unlike any the world over.

### **Fast Facts on Toronto**

- With a population of 4.7 million, Toronto is Canada's largest city.
- Toronto is the 5th-largest city in North America, after Mexico City, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.
- As the capital of Ontario, Toronto is the seat of government for Canada's most populous province and is the industrial and business centre for the country.

### **A City of Seasons**

Situated on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, Toronto is one of the southernmost cities in Canada. In fact, its latitude is very close to that of northern California. As a result, Toronto has a surprisingly moderate climate – with the warmest springs and summers in Canada.

Temperatures in Toronto in May usually range between a high of 18°C or 64°F and a low of 6°C or 43°F with the average temperature 12°C or 54°F.

### **What to pack**

A light jacket or coat for outdoors and especially in the evening.

**Getting to Toronto by air:** There are over 76 scheduled and charter airlines currently serving Toronto Pearson International Airport. Air carriers provide non-stop service to 26 Canadian and 42 United States destinations and same-plane service to 56 other International cities. Pearson Airport is located 27 kilometers (16 miles) from downtown and is accessible by public transit.

## **ENTRY INTO CANADA**

### **Travel Document Requirements for Entry into Canada**

Canada has one of the most advanced customs processes in the world to provide visitors with security and ease of travel. Visitors must have valid travel documents to enter Canada to provide proof of their citizenship. Document requirements vary depending on from which country you are travelling.

**U.S. Residents:** U.S. residents traveling to Canada are governed by the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), a U.S. law that requires all travelers traveling outside of the United States to present a passport or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States. Requirements vary depending on mode of transportation (air, land, sea) and age of the traveler. Detailed information and a listing of WHTI-compliant documents are available at:

<http://travel.state.gov/>.

**International Visitors:** For specific information on travel document required to visit Canada from countries other than the U.S., please refer to [www.cbsa.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca) and [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca).

### **Languages spoken**

There are two official languages in Canada – English and French.

### **Money Matters**

Currency is the Canadian dollar. For denominations under five dollars we use coins - some we've even given cute names: loonie (\$1), and toonie (\$2). U.S. dollars are accepted in most establishments, although you'll receive change in Canadian funds and exchange rates will differ from merchant to merchant. You'll find cash machines/ATMs in most banks, hotels and shopping centres. Travelers cheques and credit cards are accepted at most major retailers. Currency exchange is available at banks and kiosks throughout the city and at the airport.

### **Taxes**

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a 5% tax that is charged on most goods and services sold or provided in Canada. Purchases made in the Province of Ontario are subject to the 8% Provincial Sales Tax (PST).

### **Official Holidays**

On May 18, 2009, banks, liquor stores, government offices, business offices and most stores will be closed to observe Victoria Day. Victoria Day is celebrated on the last Monday before or on May 24 in honour of both Queen Victoria's birthday and the current reigning Canadian sovereign's birthday.

### **Electricity**

Electrical outlets in Canada provide the same current as in the United States, 110 volts (60 cycles). If you are travelling from Europe or elsewhere, you will need an adapter to use small appliances designed for a different standard (220/240 V).