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**January 29th 2013: How to Know that a Charity really is a Charity**

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Bill Adair has been Chief Executive Officer of the Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, <http://www.sciontario.org/>, since 1993. He offers a depth of provincial and national experience in the spinal cord rehabilitation field. As a former Ontario government employee, national task force leader and Director of the National Patient Services Program with the Canadian Cancer Society, he brings nearly three decades of expertise in non-profit management and strategic leadership. Prior to joining SCI Ontario, he was Director of the National Patient Services Program with the Canadian Cancer Society for 13 years. His extensive involvement in providing services to people w

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