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## **Pediatric pain symposium to draw 700 world experts to Vancouver**

**Event:** 7th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain

**Date:** June 25-29

**Place:** Fairmont Hotel, 900 W. Georgia St. Vancouver

**Parking:** Hotel parking is available. Enter off Burrard St. or Hornby St.

Pain in babies, children and adolescents, is the subject to be discussed at the 7th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain. More than 700 professionals – including physicians, nurses, psychologists, physiotherapists and policy-makers – from Canada, Europe, Africa, the United Kingdom and the U.S. are expected to attend the conference. Major problems to be addressed include widespread poorly controlled acute and chronic pain in children.

Symposium topics include control of children's pain, pediatric palliative care and the safety of prescribing adult analgesics for children. A full conference program can be found at [www.ispp2006.com](http://www.ispp2006.com).

There will be a media briefing in the board room Monday, June 26, from 1- 2 p.m. highlighting plenary sessions from: **Dr. Sunny Anand** (neurobiological impacts of pain, childhood analgesics, off-label drugs); **Dr. Ruth Grunau** (long-term consequences of pain for premature infants); **Dr. Brian Anderson** (psychopharmacology and anti-inflammatory use in children/youth); and **Dr. Adrian Bosenberg** (pain issues in the developing world).

The symposium also includes a free public forum, The Faces of Pain in Childhood, Monday, June 26, 7- 9 p.m. at the Chan Auditorium of the Child & Family Research Institute at the corner of Oak St. and 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. No registration is required. Space is limited.

An interview room for media is available at the symposium. Media can contact presenters during the symposium to arrange for individual interviews by leaving a message at 604-765-0862.

Media attending the symposium must sign in and pick up a media badge at the registration desk.

Conference co-chairs are infant and child pain experts UBC Psychology Professor Emeritus Ken Craig and Dr. Tim Oberlander of Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC and associate professor, UBC Dept. of Pediatrics. The Provincial Health Services Authority is a gold sponsor of the 7th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain.