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Growing Up With Heart Disease Conference

VANCOUVER – Families, physicians and health care professionals are invited to find out what's new in pediatric cardiology at the fourth *Growing up with Heart Disease* conference, to be held at the Children's & Women's Health Centre of British Columbia.

The conference is unique in North America as parents, youth with congenital heart defects and health care professionals work in collaboration to choose session topics. Congenital heart disease is the most common birth defect, affecting one in 100 children in British Columbia. Many of these children will need one or more heart surgeries throughout their lifetime.

This year's conference, organized by the Children's Heart Network and B.C.'s Children's Hospital's Cardiac Sciences team, will feature guest speakers from across Canada discussing issues related to the experiences and care of children and youth with congenital heart disease.

Sessions will cover innovative new ideas and technologies that improve cardiac care and treatment. Youth will have their own separate sessions to learn about a range of issues which affect them. The conference will also provide a forum for open dialogue between families and professionals.

When: Saturday, September 20 & Sunday, September 21, 2003

Where: Children's & Women's Education and Research Centre
950 W. 28th Ave. (At Oak St.)

To register or obtain a complete list of speakers and topics, visit www.childrensheartnetwork.org or call 1-877-833-1773.

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Note to Editors: A patient and family are available for interviews.

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