

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Annual conference highlights issues concerning kidney disease and transplants

Vancouver, BC – Did you know that the incidence of depression for people with chronic kidney disease (CKD) is twice as high as for people from the general population?

Studies also show CKD patients who suffer depression experience a much more rapid progression of their kidney disease leading to kidney failure twice as fast as for other CKD patients.

This is one of many important topics that will be discussed during the BC Renal Transplant & Nephrology Days conference October 6 and 7 at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver.

Sponsored by the BC Provincial Renal Agency and BC Transplant, agencies of the Provincial Health Services Authority, the annual conference brings together experts and health care practitioners from across the province and the country to discuss the latest issues related to kidney disease, kidney transplantation and chronic disease management.

In 2010, 189 British Columbians with kidney disease received a kidney transplant (97 from living donors, 92 from deceased donors) – amounting to a 30% increase in kidney transplants from the previous year.

An estimated 200,000 people in this province live with some level of kidney disease. Due in part to our aging population, kidney disease is one of the fastest growing health concerns in BC. The disease is strongly associated with such other chronic health conditions as diabetes and heart disease.

What: BC Renal Transplant & Nephrology Days Conference

When: October 6 and 7, 2011

Where: Hyatt Regency Vancouver, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver

For more information about BC Renal Transplant & Nephrology Days, visit www.bcrenalagency.ca.



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