

## MEDIA ADVISORY

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

### StemCellTalks Symposium in Vancouver

Let's Talk Science and the Stem Cell Network are hosting a full day symposium for high school students on stem cell science and ethics. The event will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Michael Smith Laboratories on UBC campus.

This symposium, called StemCellTalks, will provide an opportunity for 50 Grade 11-12 students to meet with experts and gain a better understanding of stem cell biology and the ethical dilemmas associated with stem cell research. Following presentations by leading researchers, students will examine case studies on diabetes, gene therapy and informed consent by engaging into small discussion groups led by graduate students and post-doctoral fellows from the University of British Columbia.

**When:** Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 from 9am to 3:30pm

**Where:** Michael Smith Laboratories, University of British Columbia  
2185, East Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4

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More information is available on the event's website: <http://stemcelltalks.ubclts.com>

**About Let's Talk Science**

Let's Talk Science is an award-winning, national, non-profit science outreach organization. We create and deliver science learning programs and services that turn kids on to science, keep them engaged in learning and develop their potential to become 21st century stewards, innovators and citizens. For more information about Let's Talk Science, visit <http://www.letstalkscience.ca>.

**About the Stem Cell Network**

The Stem Cell Network, established in 2001, brings together more than 90 leading scientists, clinicians, engineers, and ethicists from universities and hospitals across Canada. We support research projects aimed at translating stem cell discoveries into new and better treatments for millions of patients in Canada and around the world. We are proud to be one of Canada's Networks of Centres of Excellence, funded through Industry Canada and its three granting councils. For more information about the Stem Cell Network, visit <http://www.stemcellnetwork.ca>.

