



Media Alert

New Program at BC Children's Hospital is the first of its kind in Canada to treat "the hidden epidemic."

Kelly Hrudehy, former NHL Goalie and Hockey Night in Canada commentator will join Dr. Evelyn Stewart, Director, Pediatric OCD Program at BC Children's Hospital to launch efforts to create an OCD Centre of Excellence for the study and treatment of OCD in British Columbia and Canada for children and adolescents.

Kelly Hrudehy along with his daughter Kaitlin will explain their family's struggle with anxiety and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder [OCD] and they will be joined by Jeremy Grey, a former local patient of the OCD program at BC Children's Hospital. Jeremy will share how he conquered OCD with effective treatment by Dr. Stewart and her team, whose program and research efforts are the first of its kind in Canada.

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder [OCD] is relatively unknown and yet it affects 1 million Canadians. On average one child in every two classrooms has OCD, a frequency comparable to diabetes. OCD has been listed among the top ten disabling medical conditions by the World Health Organization and is often referred to as the hidden epidemic because of the stigma associated with all forms of mental illness.

Recruited from Harvard, Dr. Stewart has designs on establishing a 'Centre of Excellence' for the study and treatment of OCD in Canada. She will explain her vision of this new centre of excellence and some of the treatment options that her team currently uses to effectively treat OCD in children and adolescents.

We are grateful to Kelly Hrudehy and his daughter Kaitlin for joining us from Calgary to raise awareness about OCD as Kelly prepares to televise the Montreal Canadians Game on October 12 on Hockey Night in Canada.

Where: Atrium/Lobby of the Child & Family Research Institute
[Grounds of BC Children's Hospital] 938 West 28th Avenue

When: Friday, October 11, 2013 - 4:00 pm

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JOIN US

OCDbc is a newly formed volunteer parent advocacy group that came together with the goal of helping create an OCD Centre of Excellence at BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, BC. We exist to raise awareness among policy makers and the general public about Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder [OCD]; to help educate health practitioners and teachers about the effective diagnosis, treatment and research surrounding OCD; to connect people suffering from OCD with treatment providers and to provide support to families with children and adolescents affected by OCD.