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An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

Media Invitation:

Conference addresses growing epidemic of Kidney Disease in BC

Did you know that:

- An estimated 145,000 British Columbians may suffer from some degree of kidney disease
- The need for dialysis services is growing at a rate of 8-10 percent per year
- The cost for dialysis is between \$35,000 - \$72,000 per patient annually
- Kidney disease is linked to diabetes and heart disease

You are invited to learn more about kidney disease at **BC Nephrology Day** – an annual conference that brings together renal professionals from across the province to ask questions and find answers that will help improve care for those with kidney disease.

When: Friday, October 15th, 8:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Plaza 500 Hotel, 500 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver

Topics of Interest:

8:30 a.m. Sexuality and Chronic Kidney Disease

10:30 a.m. Improving Early Detection and Care for Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease with a focus on First Nations populations

1:30 p.m. Chronic Kidney Disease in Kids: Early Detection and Treatment

The BC Provincial Renal Agency (BCPRA), an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, plans and coordinates the care of people with kidney disease throughout the province to ensure equitable access to high quality care.

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