



## **Press Release**

### **NETWORK TO LINK CLINICIANS WITH TECHNOLOGIES**

Vancouver BC, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008, The BC Clinical Genomics Network (BCCGN) today announced that it is to present at the Kelowna General Hospital Rounds on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2008. BCCGN is a new initiative that has received funding support from the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research. The Network is being set up to help clinicians gain access to state-of-the art technology platforms that help us understand genetic causes of disease.

“The Network will help us to combine BC’s strengths in clinical research and very fast evolving genomics technologies” said Principal Investigator Jan Friedman MD PhD. “BCCGN is an important initiative that fulfils a very real gap in the scientific and medical infrastructure of the province” added Co-Principle Investigator Michael Hayden MD PhD.

The Network intends to educate clinical investigators all over the province about the types of studies that are possible using their own unique patients and families from the BC population and new genomics technologies. The Network will help investigators access these technologies as well as accompanying support services such as genetic research and statistical analysis methodologies.

BCCGN will support the advancement of scientific knowledge and its application to improved health outcomes in British Columbia.

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