

June 8, 2006

## **1000 Experts on Women's Health Meet in Vancouver June 22-27, 2006**

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**Why:** 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clinical Meeting of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, attracting leading experts to share knowledge and research on latest innovations and best practices in women's health care. This is the second time the Society has held their ACM in Vancouver.

**Who:** Over 1000 delegates from across Canada including obstetricians, gynaecologists, family physicians, GPs, nurses, midwives, residents, med students.

**What:** Over 50 sessions on everything from menopause to child birth to sexual desire to continuous contraception..

**Where:** The Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina, Vancouver, BC

**When:** June 22-27, 2006 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Registration:** Free online registration for media at [www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org). or on site at the Media Desk at the Westin Bayshore.

### **Highlights:**

#### **Thursday, June 22nd, 2006, 11:00 PDT**

**Ob/Gyn and HIV/AIDS Panel Discussion:** Expert representatives from Canada, the United States, Haiti, Uganda, Guatemala, and Mexico will meet to discuss the challenges and potential rewards of integrating efforts to address the global HIV/AIDS pandemic with efforts to prevent the hundreds of thousands of women who die needlessly during childbirth each year.

#### **Thursday, June 22nd, 2006, 16:30 PDT**

**Canada's Leadership Role in Improving Women's Health Around the World.** Keynote Speaker: Dr. David McCoy, Co-Managing Editor of Global Health Watch, discusses the role of Canadian healthcare professionals in achieving the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals.

#### **Saturday, June 24th, 2006 at 9:00 PDT**

**Is it OK If You Never Have A Period Again?** Taking Charge: New Science for Continuous-Use Oral Contraceptives: With new forms of continuous-use birth control pills scheduled to hit the

Canadian market, more and more women will have the option of saying goodbye to their periods. Panelists discuss the latest research on the risks and benefits of continuous-use oral contraceptives.

**Saturday, June 24th, 2006 at 14:00 PDT**

**Am I Too Old To Have A Baby?** Reproductive Aging: More than ever before, women are choosing to delay childbirth and they are turning to their doctors for help. The health effects of delaying pregnancy and what science can offer in turning back the biological clock is explored.

**Sunday, June 25th, 2006 at 10:30 PDT**

**Eradicating Cervical Cancer.** The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine - For the first time ever, a vaccine has the potential to prevent cervical cancer. Regulatory approval is expected soon ...which means this vaccine could be available in Canada next year. Experts explore the latest research on the new vaccines with the potential to virtually eradicate cervical cancer, a disease that claims the lives of nearly 300,000 women each year.

**Sunday, June 25th, 2006 at 11:30 PDT**

**FAS Costs Billions.** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Though entirely preventable, FASD is the leading cause of developmental and cognitive disabilities among children, FASD causes life-long health effects. The SOGC will examine newly developed techniques for diagnosing FASD and new research on FASD's cost to Canadians.

For more information: [www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org)

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**About The SOGC:**

*The SOGC is one of Canada's oldest national specialty organizations. Established in 1944, the Society's mission is to promote excellence in the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology and to advance the health of women through leadership, advocacy, collaboration, outreach and education. The SOGC represents obstetricians/gynaecologists, family physicians, nurses, midwives and allied health professionals in the field of sexual reproductive health.*