

Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference

November 16-18, 2011
Westin Bayshore Hotel
Vancouver, British Columbia

Conference Theme:
"Be Visible"



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A landmark event on concussions, injury and attitude in Canadian sport is set for November at a major injury prevention conference in Vancouver

The world of sports injuries, particularly concussions, is set to take centre stage at the **Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference**, to be held in Vancouver, Nov. 16-18, 2011. Delegates will learn about the latest research and programming from leading Canadian and international experts, along with those working on the ground in Canadian sports.

The issue of head injuries in sport has exploded onto the Canadian scene in a big way in 2011. The media blitz of stories was spurred on by the National Hockey League's biggest star, Sidney Crosby, falling victim to a serious concussion during a stellar season. Further fuelling the discussions, scientists concluded after the death of former NHL enforcer Bob Probert at age 45, that he had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease linked to repeated blows to the head. Whether sports fans or not, Canadians have clearly heard the message that it's time to address the serious issue of head injury in sports. Here are just a few of the conference's confirmed speakers:

- **Dr. Charles Tator**, neurosurgeon, concussion expert and founder of ThinkFirst Canada, will give the conference's opening address. The Globe and Mail recently named Dr. Tator to the top of its Sports Power 50 for his work in the field;
- **Dr. Jamie Kissick**, a former Ottawa Senators head team physician and a sport medicine physician whose main clinical interest is concussions in athletes;
- **Dahna Sanderson**, a former figure skating coach who founded the Donald Sanderson Memorial Fund in honour of her son who died at age 21, after falling into a coma as a result of a head injury sustained during a hockey game; and
- **Sheldon Kennedy**, a former NHL player lauded for breaking the silence on abuse by his former hockey coach and clearing the path for others to come forward, who will address linkages between abuse, risk-taking and injury.

Coaches, trainers, recreation workers, researchers, academics and anyone interested in sports and injury won't want to miss this conference. For more information, to share your work by submitting an abstract before the **April 30, 2011**, deadline, or to register, visit www.injurypreventionconference.ca, email cipspc@pr1me.ca or call 1-800-563-6252, ext. 450.

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