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Pesticide Hazards: Family Doctors to Release Comprehensive Review of Research Today

Join us today for the results of Canada's most comprehensive review of research on the effects of pesticides on humans.

TORONTO – April 23, 2004 – TODAY, the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) will release the results of Canada's most comprehensive review of research on the effects of pesticides on humans, and the implications for family physicians.

The results of the systemic review cover studies done since 1992, and describe the findings regarding major adverse pesticide health effects, including:

- Solid tumours, including brain cancer, prostate cancer, kidney cancer and pancreatic cancer, among others
- Leukemia
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Genotoxic effects
- Skin diseases
- Neurological diseases
- Reproductive effects
- Vulnerable patient groups, including children

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When: TODAY – Friday, April 23, 2004 – 10:30 a.m.

Where: Media Studio
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NOTE TO EDITORS: The OCFP pesticide research review will be available on the College's website (www.ocfp.on.ca) at 10:30 a.m. ET.

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