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## BACKGROUND

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### HOW TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON HEALTH

- The Conversation on Health provides a formal process to engage the public so they can share their views about health through a series of regional forums, as well as other interactive submission options.
- Regional forums will be held in each of British Columbia's 16 Health Service Delivery Areas. Each forum will involve up to 100 people. The first forums will be held in:
  - Burnaby
  - Cranbrook
  - Nanaimo
  - Smithers
  - Campbell River
  - Fort St. John
  - North Vancouver
  - Surrey
  - Castlegar
  - Kamloops
  - Prince George
  - Vancouver
  - Chilliwack
  - Kelowna
  - Richmond
  - Victoria
- People can request to participate in a forum in their area through the Conversation website or by calling the toll-free Conversation on Health line. Pre-registration is required, as participants will receive an information package in advance of each session to help them prepare for the discussions. If more than 100 people request to be involved in a session, they will be randomly selected from the request list. Funding will be provided to help offset the cost of travel for people who need assistance.
- For those British Columbians who are not able to attend a regional forum, there are several options for providing input, including:
  - e-mailing to [ConversationonHealth@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca](mailto:ConversationonHealth@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca)
  - providing feedback via the website – [\*\*www.BCConversationonHealth.ca\*\*](http://www.BCConversationonHealth.ca)
  - contacting your MLA
  - sending a letter to Ministry of Health, Conversation on Health, 5-3, 1515 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3C8, or
  - calling the toll-free Conversation on Health line at 1-866-884-2055 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday to Friday (translation available in 130 languages).
- Meetings will be held with front line health-care workers, professional associations, health organizations, First Nations and academics to discuss their views.
- All information received will be summarized and made available to the public through the Conversation on Health website.
- Once sessions are completed in summer 2007, a report summarizing British Columbians' input into the Conversation on Health will be developed and presented to government. The report will be released to the media and posted on the website.

- More information on regional forums and how to get involved is available on the Conversation on Health website at [www.BCConversationonHealth.ca](http://www.BCConversationonHealth.ca)

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