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**Alzheimer Society of B.C. offers
free Chinese Public Health Forum**

Vancouver, B.C. – The Alzheimer Society of B.C. presents a free Chinese Public Health Care Forum with Dr. Roger Wong on Saturday, Jan. 7 in Vancouver. Dr. Wong is a leading specialist in geriatric medicine, and will be speaking about Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and whether it can lead to dementia.

“Mild Cognitive Impairment is still a controversial clinical concept,” says Vivian Lam, Support & Education Coordinator at the Alzheimer Society of B.C.’s Chinese Resource Centre. “It is not always clear when the symptoms of MCI can also be the early warning signs of dementia.”

MCI is a diagnosis given to people who are somewhere in between normal aging and dementia. Compared to their peers, older people with MCI are at a greater risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias. However, these individuals are in a “grey zone,” meaning some may go on to develop dementia, whereas others remain stable and do not experience further decline. Research is still being conducted in order to gain a better understanding of individuals who are experiencing mild cognitive impairment.

Date: Jan. 7, 2012

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
Choi Hall
28 W. Pender St.
Vancouver, B.C.

The forum is free to the public and will be presented in Cantonese. Following the talk, participants are welcome to explore the interactive health booths facilitated by physicians.

The Alzheimer Society of B.C. provides a province-wide network of support, education, and information resources for families impacted by dementia. The Society is a non-profit organization that also advocates for better dementia health care and raises money to fund research and ensure there is Help for Today. *Hope for Tomorrow...*[®]

About Dr. Roger Wong

Dr. Roger Wong, BMSc, MD, FRCPC, FACP, is the Assistant Dean, Faculty Development; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine; and Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency Training Program all at UBC.

Dr. Wong is also a Consultant in Geriatric Medicine, Associate Medical Director of Medical Services and Head of Geriatric Consultation Program at the Vancouver Acute (VA) health service delivery area, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

Dr. Wong founded the state-of-the-art Acute Care for Elders Units (ACE) in VA, which has been implemented nationally and internationally. His clinical research focuses on hospital medicine in vulnerable older adults, including quality improvement in acute care geriatrics. Dr. Wong is currently Vice President of the Canadian Geriatrics Society.

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