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GARDASIL AD CAMPAIGN FOR WOMEN

Women encouraged to ask doctor if vaccine is right for them

MONTREAL, Quebec – August 16, 2007 – Starting this week and continuing until the end of the year, a new national publicity campaign for the GARDASIL® vaccine will air on Canadian television and be seen in other media across the country. Targeting young women (and their parents) for whom GARDASIL® is indicated, the program aims to initiate a dialogue between young women and their physicians about whether or not the vaccine is right for them.

“Over the last few weeks, there has been heightened media attention around Gardasil. We hope our new advertising campaign will contribute to this dialogue and encourage women to talk to their doctors,” said Sheila Murphy from Merck Frosst. “Young women have been receiving information about GARDASIL® from a great variety of sources and we feel the best way for them to sort out fact from fiction is to talk to their doctors.”

About Merck Frosst

At Merck Frosst, patients come first. Merck Frosst Canada Ltd. is a research-driven pharmaceutical company. Merck Frosst discovers, develops and markets a broad range of innovative medicines to improve human health. Merck Frosst is one of the top 20 R&D investors in Canada, with an investment of \$114 million in 2006. The Company is committed to fostering partnerships to deliver the most valuable health outcomes for Canadian patients. More information about Merck Frosst is available at <http://www.merckfrosst.com>.

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