

CIHR Café Scientifique presents

Can viruses kill cancer?

Thursday, February 9, 2012
6 to 8 p.m.

The Duke of York Pub
39 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto
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Not all viruses are bad.

When most people think of viruses, they think of getting a cold or the flu. They also worry about catching a virus as it spreads through their community. While infection from some viruses can be prevented using vaccines, others cannot and people get sick.

But viruses also have a good side and may even be able to make people healthier. Cancer researchers today are exploring how viruses can be adapted to infect and spread in tumour tissues without harming the surrounding normal tissue. The results are promising and they could lead to a whole new type of cancer treatment with fewer side effects for patients. Join some of Canada's leading faculty for an evening of open discussion on how some viruses can be adapted to kill cancer cells and how these viruses differ from the ones we worry about. You won't look at the common cold in the same way.

Experts

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