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Artificial Heart Physicians Plan News Briefing

(LOUISVILLE, KY) The University of Louisville surgeons who implanted the world's first self-contained artificial heart at Jewish Hospital in Louisville on July 2 announced today that they will hold a news briefing on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, at 2:00 pm EDT. The event will take place in the Conference Center atop the Rudd Heart and Lung Center on the Jewish Hospital Medical Campus.

The news conference agenda will include an update by Drs. Laman Gray and Rob Dowling and the first public appearance by the recipient of the AbioCor himself.

The patient continues to express his gratitude to the media and the public for respecting his privacy and that of his family. He requests the media continue this respect until he offers his personal information at the briefing.

The news conference will be up-linked live via satellite coordinates Ku-Band SBS 6, Transponder 7, Horizontal Frequency 11872 MHZ. The audio frequency is 6.20/6.80. The signal will be available from 1:45 - 3 p.m. (EDT), Tuesday, August 21.

The patient will make his comments from a remote location. For best quality picture and sound of his remarks, media outlets must videotape the satellite signal.

The news conference will also be web cast at www.heartpioneers.com. Media representatives can also call (reference Jewish Hospital or AbioCor) 1-800-937-6563, or 1-801-983-4013 for international callers, to listen to the press conference. For future reference, the press conference will be archived on www.heartpioneers.com.

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Jewish Hospital is among the top ten cardiac centers in the United States and, along with the University of Louisville, is dedicated to excellence in patient care, research and education. University of Louisville surgeons at Jewish Hospital have performed many heart care "firsts," including Kentucky's first heart transplant, the world's first heart transplant following the use of a Thoratec right ventricular assist device, the world's first endoscopic saphenous vein harvest and the first ventricular remodeling in the region.