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NEWS RELEASE OF TOM CHRISTERSON PLANNED

Release to include footage of AbioCor heart patient at home

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Background video of artificial heart patient Tom Christerson and of University of Louisville Surgeons Laman Gray, M.D., and Rob Dowling, M.D., discussing the AbioCor™ Implantable Replacement Heart, manufactured by ABIOMED, Inc. of Danvers, MA, will be released at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2002.

The footage will be up-linked via satellite coordinates Ku-Band SBS 6, Transponder 5, Horizontal Frequency 11823 MHZ, 74 degrees West. The audio frequency is 6.20/6.80. The signal will be available from 2:15-2:45 p.m. (EDT), Tuesday, June 18. A corresponding news release will also be available at www.heartpioneers.org.

The footage and accompanying news release will include comments from Drs. Gray and Dowling and images of Tom Christerson enjoying home life in Central City.

Jewish Hospital is among the top 10 cardiac centers in the United States and, along with the University of Louisville, is dedicated to excellence in clinical 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 bi-ventricular assist device, the world’s first endoscopic saphenous vein harvest and the first ventricular remodeling in the region.

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