

MEDIA ADVISORY

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LOUISVILLE ABIOCOR SURGEONS TO OFFER MEDICAL UPDATE

Governor Patton plans visit with artificial heart patients

(Louisville, Ky.) – The University of Louisville surgeons who implanted the world's first and second totally implantable replacement hearts at Jewish Hospital will give an update of the patients' conditions tomorrow, Tuesday, September 25 at 2:30 p.m. EDT. The update will include comments from Governor Paul Patton, who plans to meet with the patients earlier in the day.

The patients continue to express their gratitude to the media and the public for respecting their privacy and that of their families. They request that the media continue to send requests for information through the Jewish Hospital/University of Louisville communications team.

The news conference will be up-linked live via satellite coordinates Ku-Band SBS 6 located at 74 degrees West, Transponder 12, Horizontal Frequency 11994 MHZ. The audio frequency is 6.20/6.80. The signal will be available from 2:30-3:30 p.m. (EDT), Tuesday, September 25.

The news conference will also be web cast at www.heartpioneers.com. Media representatives can also call (reference Jewish Hospital Press Conference or AbioCor Heart Implant) 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 10 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.