

ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of November 6, 2002

Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

210, 1167 Kensington Crescent NW, Calgary Alberta T2N 1X7

(Address of principal executive offices)

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For Immediate Release

Oncolytics Biotech Appoints Dr. William A. Cochrane to the Board of Directors

CALGARY, Alberta, November 6, 2002 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX: ONC, NASDAQ: ONCY) (Oncolytics) today announced the appointment of William A. Cochrane, MD, to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Cochrane brings additional depth to our Board of Directors, said Dr. Brad Thompson, President and CEO of Oncolytics. His extensive experience spans sectors including the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, finance, academia and medicine. We expect the Company will benefit significantly from his contributions to the Board.

Dr. Cochrane is currently the Chairman of Stressgen Biotechnologies Corporation, President of W.A. Cochrane & Associates Inc., Chairman of UTI at the University of Calgary, and serves on the boards of a number of Canadian and American companies. Previously, Dr. Cochrane was the CEO and Chairman of Connaught Laboratories Ltd. He has also served as the Deputy Minister of Health Services for the Province of Alberta, and President and Vice-Chancellor, and Dean of Medicine at the University of Calgary. He has served on the boards of MDS Capital Corp., Connaught Laboratories Ltd., Monsanto Canada Inc. and Fluor/Daniel Canada Inc. Dr. Cochrane is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a 2002 recipient of the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal for his many contributions to Canada, and received his M.D. from the University of Toronto.

I am pleased to be involved with Oncolytics at this point in its development, said Dr. Cochrane. I look forward to assisting the company reach its goal of developing REOLYSIN® as a potential cancer therapeutic.

About Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

Oncolytics is a Calgary-based biotechnology company focused on the development of the human reovirus (REOLYSIN®) as a potential cancer therapeutic. Oncolytics researchers have demonstrated that the reovirus is able to selectively kill cancer cells and, *in vitro*, kill human cancer cells derived from many types of cancer including breast, prostate, pancreatic and brain tumours. Research has also yielded successful cancer treatment results in a number of animal models. Phase I clinical trial results have indicated that there were no toxicology-related issues with the administration of the reovirus, and that the reovirus demonstrated activity in injected tumours. Oncolytics is currently conducting a T2 prostate cancer trial, and a Phase I/II recurrent malignant glioma (brain cancer) trial.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC
(Registrant)

By: -s- D.A Ball

Name: D.A Ball
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 6, 2002