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MEDIA ALERT

- What:** Free Forum for Teens with type 1 diabetes and their parents
“Can’t we all just get along?” 2nd Annual Teen/Parent Forum
Presented by Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, OC
- When:** Wednesday, April 2, 2008
- Time:** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Where:** John Wayne Airport Area—
hosted by Right Management (inside of Redstone Plaza)
4041 MacArthur Boulevard
Newport Beach, CA 92660
- Who:** Any teenager 13-18 years of age, diagnosed with type 1 diabetes,
their parents and siblings between the ages of 9-18 years old
- Why:** Teenagers in general experience tremendous growth and independence during the teen years. For teenagers living with diabetes there are additional challenges—how does their diabetes affect their social life, self-esteem even simple concerns such as getting a driver’s license and preparing to go to college? Siblings of teens also have challenges such as all the attention going to the child with diabetes, dealing with their own fears, and the new family dynamics around the disease. Parents have to balance their fears for their teen living with diabetes along with responsibility for their health management.
- Goal:** This 2nd annual free forum will provide an opportunity for teens and parents to discuss issues involved in living with diabetes. The first half of the evening, the teens will meet with Jody Krantz, M.D. and the parents will gather with Alan Cortez, M.D. This year, we will also be including the siblings of Teens with diabetes to give them the opportunity to discuss their issues in regards to being a part of a family affected by type 1 diabetes. During the second half, the three groups will come together to address the issues that were raised with help from the professionals.
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