

ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC

Form 6-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of October 2003

Commission File Number 000-31062

Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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)

Date October 20, 2003

By: /s/ Douglas A. Ball

Douglas A. Ball
Chief Financial Officer

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MEDIA ADVISORY

**Oncolytics Biotech to Present at
Rodman & Renshaw Techvest Healthcare Conference**

CALGARY, Alberta, October 20, 2003 Dr. Brad Thompson, President and CEO of Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX: ONC, NASDAQ: ONCY), will present a corporate overview of the Company at the Rodman & Renshaw Techvest Healthcare Conference on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 9:00 AM (ET)**. Oncolytics is one of 200 invited companies to present at this conference to be held at the Boston Marriott Long Wharf Hotel October 21-23, 2003.

A live audio webcast of the presentation will be available at: <http://www.wallstreetwebcasting.com/webcast/rrshq/oncy> or on the company's website at www.oncolyticsbiotech.com.

It is recommended that listeners log on 15 minutes in advance of the presentation to register and download any necessary software. An audio replay will be available following the presentation on the Rodman and Renshaw website.

About Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

Oncolytics is a Calgary-based biotechnology company focused on the development of REOLYSIN®, its proprietary formulation of the human reovirus, as a potential cancer therapeutic. Oncolytics' researchers have demonstrated that the reovirus is able to selectively kill human cancer cells in vitro that are derived from many types of cancer, including breast, prostate, pancreatic and brain tumours, and have also demonstrated 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 tumours injected with REOLYSIN®.

The webcast time is subject to change. This release and the presentation related thereto contain forward-looking statements which involve known and unknown risks, delays, uncertainties and other factors not under the Company's control and which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from the results, performance or expectations implied by these forward-looking statements.

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