



## Hockey organized for SickKids

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A Mississauga teenager is one of many players who will take part in a hockey game organized for children with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Sunday afternoon at the Air Canada Centre.

Kevin Charanduk, 14, will play in the first annual Paediatric Ulcerative Colitis & Crohn's Hockey Event, a Hospital for Sick Children initiative.

Charanduk was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, an inflammatory disease of the intestines, when he was seven but continues to play goalie for the Humber Valley Sharks.

"I haven't had as many problems with Crohn's since I started my treatment at SickKids seven years ago," he said. "It doesn't affect my ability to play hockey at all."

The event will also include a skate with NHL Alumni Vic Hadfield, Olympian Sami Jo Small and members of the Canadian Women's Hockey League's Toronto Furies. All funds raised will go towards the IBD Program at SickKids.

Canada has one of the highest reported rates of IBD in the world with more than 200,000 Canadians affected by the disease. At least 25 per cent of Canadians with IBD are diagnosed as children and adolescents.

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