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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 September, 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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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)

Date September 22, 2003

By: /s/ Douglas A. Ball

Douglas A. Ball Chief Financial Officer

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Oncolytics Biotech to Present at the UBS Warburg Global Life Sciences Conference

CALGARY, Alberta, September 22, 2003 Dr. Brad Thompson, Chairman, President and CEO of Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX: ONC, NASDAQ: <u>ONCY</u>), will present a corporate overview to analysts, portfolio managers, investment bankers and other financial professionals at the 5th Annual UBS Warburg Global Life Sciences Conference. The conference will be held at The Plaza Hotel in New York City on September 22-25, 2003. Dr. Thompson will make his presentation on **Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. ET.**

A live audio webcast of the presentation will be available on the UBS website <u>http://www.ibb.ubs.com/</u> or on the company s website at <u>www.oncolyticsbiotech.com</u>. It is recommended that listeners log on 15 minutes in advance of the presentation to register and download any necessary software.

An audio replay of the presentation will begin three hours after the presentation time and will be available until October 25, 2003 on the UBS 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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