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Trishna and Krishna – fact sheet

There has been enormous community and media interest in conjoined twins Trishna and Krishna since they arrived in Australia. The staff at The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) has provided specialist medical care while Children First Foundation (CFF) cared for them outside the hospital.

The surgery to separate the girls is complex and extremely high risk. The RCH and CFF understand your ongoing interest and will endeavour to keep media and the community informed

- The girls will be admitted to hospital this weekend, the exact day and time is still to be confirmed
- It is anticipated that the girls will be in theatre all day Monday, and possibly well into the evening
- The girls will go to PICU when they leave the operating theatre
- Initially a team of 12 to 16 will be in theatre
- After today's media conference the hospital will not offer any interview opportunities or comments until Monday 16 November
- We hope to provide a briefing at 11am Monday
- RCH chief of surgery Leo Donnan will be available to give an update for the evening news on Monday
- The hospital will provide updates as they occur during next week
- Surgeons will not be available for further comment or interview for several days following surgery
- We cannot predict when Moira Kelly of CFF will be available for interview
- Please leave your business card or contact details on the table as you enter to assist us to contact you
- Updates will be posted at www.rch.org.au and also www.childrenfirstfoundation.org.au
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