

ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC

Form 6-K

September 27, 2005

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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 2005

Commission File Number 000-31062

**Oncolytics Biotech Inc.**

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*(Translation of registrant's name into English)*

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

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*(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: September 27, 2005

By: /s/ Doug Ball

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Doug Ball  
Chief Financial Officer

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**For Immediate Release**

**Oncolytics Biotech Inc. Announces Appointment of Chief Medical Officer**

**CALGARY, AB, September 27, 2005** - Oncolytics Biotech Inc. ( Oncolytics ) (TSX:ONC, NASDAQ:ONCY) announced today the appointment of Karl Mettinger, MD, PhD, as Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Mettinger has been involved with the clinical and regulatory approval of oncology, cardiovascular, and other products in the pharmaceutical industry for twenty years, said Dr. Brad Thompson, President and CEO of Oncolytics.

His record includes the implementation of clinical studies for more than 25,000 patients worldwide. As part of our senior medical and scientific management group which includes Dr. Gill and Dr. Coffey, Dr. Mettinger is expected to develop the clinical trial program which best supports a registration path for REOLYSIN®.

Dr. Mettinger has been involved in clinical and regulatory affairs with various pharmaceutical companies since 1985. Prior to joining Oncolytics, he was Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer with SuperGen Inc. Prior to that, he was Executive Director, Clinical Research at IVAX/Baker Norton, which is the new drug subsidiary of IVAX Corporation. He began his career in the industry with KABI in Sweden. Dr. Mettinger holds an MD from the University of Lund in Sweden and a PhD (hematology/stroke) from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. He is a member of numerous medical and scientific associations including the American Association of Clinical Oncology, the American Society of Hematology and the American Association of Cancer Research.

**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 cancer cells and, *in vitro*, kill human cancer cells that are derived from many types of cancer including breast, bladder, 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 REOLYSIN® was well tolerated and that the reovirus demonstrated activity in tumours injected with REOLYSIN®. *This press release contains forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements, including the impact Dr. Mettinger will have on the development towards a registration path, the Company's expectations related to the advancement of REOLYSIN through the clinical and regulatory process, and the Company's belief as to the potential of REOLYSIN® as a cancer therapeutic, alone, or in combination with other therapies, involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the availability of funds and resources to pursue research and development projects, the efficacy of REOLYSIN® as a cancer treatment, the success and timely completion of clinical studies and trials, the Company's ability to successfully commercialize REOLYSIN®, uncertainties related to the research and development of pharmaceuticals, uncertainties related to the regulatory process and general changes to the economic environment. Investors should consult the Company's quarterly and annual filings with the Canadian and U.S. securities commissions for additional information on risks and uncertainties relating to the forward looking statements. Investors are cautioned against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake to update these forward-looking statements.*

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