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See the Good, the Bad, and the Downright Ugly at the Connecticut Science Center

Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body open now through March 8, 2015

Hartford, Connecticut (October 7, 2014)— The human body can be stinky; sometimes it's crusty; and sometimes it's slimy. Explore why it produces mushy, oozy, crusty, scaly and stinky gunk at *Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body* during its appearance at the Connecticut Science Center. Based on the best-selling book, this "science in disguise" exhibition uses sophisticated animatronics and imaginative exhibits to tell you everything you ever wanted to know about about runny noses, body odor and much more. *Grossology* will be featured at The Connecticut Science Center until March 8, 2015.

Take a "Tour du Nose" to explore 10 nasal features, including how your snoot acts as an air filter, a smell sensor and a mucus producer. Explore the role of the kidney in a virtual reality experience in "Urine: The Game." Mimic the build-up of acid indigestion by causing the "Burp Machine" to release a giant belch. Climb a human skin wall complete with warts, hairs, sores and pores that act as hand and foot holds. Discover other mysterious ways your body's biology does what it needs to do to keep you healthy around every corner of this 6,000-square-foot exhibition.

Grossology is collaboration between Science World, Advanced Exhibits, and *Grossology* author Sylvia Branzei. As a teacher, writer, curriculum designer and microbiologist, Branzei explains the concept of *Grossology* as a learning tool. "If we teach students in their own words, they'll understand better and actually learn something."

Grossology is included free with General Admission or Science Center Membership. For more information call 860-SCIENCE [724-3623] or visit the *Grossology* tour Web site at www.grossologytour.com.

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About the Connecticut Science Center The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving 1.7 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries and a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: www.CTScienceCenter.org or 860.SCIENCE.