VCH at a Glance

Key facts

Annual Budget: $3.6 billion

Population Served: over 1.25 million residents (nearly 25% of British Columbia’s population)

Geographic area:
- 58,560 square kilometres
- 12 municipalities plus four regional districts
- Urban and rural communities including Richmond; Vancouver; the North Shore; Sunshine Coast; Sea to Sky corridor; Powell River; Bella Bella and Bella Coola plus 14 Aboriginal communities

Hospitals and Acute Care Facilities:
Vancouver General Hospital; UBC Hospital; GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre; Richmond Hospital; Lions Gate Hospital; Squamish General Hospital; Powell River General Hospital; Sechelt Hospital; R.W. Large Memorial Hospital in Bella Bella; Bella Coola Memorial Hospital

Providence Health Care facilities:
St. Paul’s Hospital, Mount Saint Joseph Hospital

Diagnostic and Treatment Centres:
Whistler Health Care Centre; Pemberton Health Centre; Gordon and Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre, City Centre Urgent Primary Care Centre

Community Health Centres: 21 across VCH

Number of beds: 1,500 acute; 5,600 residential; 85 rehabilitation; 900 assisted living/respite beds.

Annual Emergency Room Visits: 440,000

Annual Cases/Discharge (Acute & Rehab): 86,000

Annual Surgical Cases: 87,000

Annual Clinic Visits: Over 1 million

VCH works in partnership with Providence Health Care in Vancouver to take patients referred from across the province. Together, we provide 46 percent of all inpatient specialized care for British Columbia.

Who are we?

We are dedicated, committed, and skilled caregivers who share a calling and purpose; a purpose to help; to heal, and to deliver compassion to whomever needs it.

We are people who care for more than a million fellow BC residents in communities across the province. We are guided by our collective values to care for everyone; to always learn, and to constantly strive for better results.

Individually, we are more than 14,000, spread across 86 disciplines, and 112 locations; but together we are one; one collective; one powerful, hopeful, unstoppable force for good. A unified force that delivers exceptional care for all.

Our vision:
One collective healthcare team that’s coming together to deliver an exceptional care experience for all.

Our values:
- We care for everyone
- We are always learning
- We strive for better results

We employ almost 14,000 full-time and part-time staff, including 5,500 nurses and 2,700 physicians in our hospitals and community health centers. We also have the support of 3,000 active volunteers. In 2016/17, VCH invested over $500 million dollars’ worth of goods and services within Canada – everything from patient beds to operating room supplies, and from digital diagnostic equipment to surgical gown mending. The vast majority of that amount was directed to suppliers within B.C., making VCH a continuing contributor to the local, regional, and provincial economies.

The VCH Research Institute is one of Canada’s top funded research organizations, with a total of $113 million in research funding for 2017/2018. It is the research arm of VCH and a health partner of the University of British Columbia. More than 900 principal investigators conduct clinical and discovery research to improve patient health and transform health systems.

Learn more about VCH or contact us at vch.ca.