



## Mandate

BC Children's Hospital delivers child and youth health and rehabilitation services and is the province's major treatment, teaching and research facility for child health.

**Vision:** Better health for children and youth, achieved with partners who work together to ensure access to best practices and best care in the best setting.

**Mission:** Be a provincial and regional resource providing child and youth health care and services and integrating our role as an academic health centre; provide provincial and regional leadership in assessing and meeting health care needs; and support, respect and value our people.



## *BC Children's Hospital* Helping children back to health

### How we serve BC

As the province's tertiary care facility, BC Children's Hospital (Children's) provides expert care for the most seriously ill or injured children from across British Columbia. Children's is committed to maintaining and continuously improving quality and safety for these children and their families. Child development and rehabilitation is provided by Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children, a program of Children's. In addition to providing specialized pediatric services – many of which are not available elsewhere in the province – Children's is the province's leading teaching and research facility for child health.

Specialized care provided for children and youth and their families include:

- Inpatient, outpatient and tertiary care for children from infancy to adolescence, including ambulatory clinics, consultation services, emergency services, and general and specialized pediatric health services
- Specialized pediatric surgery in areas such as dentistry, ear/nose/throat, general surgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics, plastic surgery and urology
- Open-heart and other cardiac surgery and specialized programs for children with congenital or acquired heart disease, including partnership clinics in eight regional centres across BC and the Yukon
- Kidney transplants by Western Canada's most comprehensive renal team, and related services like hemodialysis
- Mental health/psychiatric services for children and youth, including emergency care and intensive inpatient and outpatient treatment for a variety of conditions. Mental health services at Children's are managed by BC Mental Health & Addictions Services, an agency of PHSA
- Intensive care (including trauma care) for critically ill and injured children; help for community health agencies

with long-distance transfers to the hospital

- Comprehensive oncology, hematology and bone marrow transplant services for children and youth
- A comprehensive cochlear implant service
- In conjunction with BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre, a medical genetics program addressing genetic diseases and providing family counselling

### Beyond direct care

Children's advances pediatric health across the province with activities that complement the hospital's treatment services, such as:

- Child Health BC, the first collaborative network involving all health authorities and the Ministries of Health and Children and Family Development, aimed at making it easier to access specialized pediatric services throughout BC and supporting high quality of care for children throughout the province
- The use of telehealth, including telepsychiatry, to support patient care and enable knowledge transfer to communities across BC

- Programs addressing healthier lifestyles and childhood obesity such as Shapedown BC and Healthy Buddies
- Helping parents to stay with their children in the operating room before surgery and to comfort them as soon as possible after surgery
- A family resource library with a web-based catalogue
- The Griefworks BC bereavement support program offered in partnership with Canuck Place Children's Hospice

the province. As a teaching hospital, it plays an integral part in educating professionals in many disciplines who deliver all levels of care to BC's children and youth. Research is a core component of all activities at Children's. Through the Child & Family Research Institute, Children's is a major partner in investigations that advances knowledge and care for children and youth. Children's physicians and staff take major leadership roles nationally and internationally and contribute to improving health for children globally through the establishment of the Centre for International Child Health.

### Research and education

Children's is affiliated with the University of British Columbia and other post-secondary institutions throughout

### By the numbers A year at Children's\*

Patient's Health Authority	Emergency Department Visits	Day Surgeries	Specialized Clinic Visits	Inpatient Admissions	Inpatient Stays (in days)
Fraser	10,817	3,026	47,214	2,746	15,197
Interior	314	347	5,826	533	4,197
Northern	215	230	3,165	319	2,609
Vancouver Coastal	24,589	1,993	44,387	2,672	14,587
Vancouver Island	234	375	5,005	428	3,489
Other**	1,484	65	2,535	374	2,534
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,653</b>	<b>6,036</b>	<b>108,168</b>	<b>7,072</b>	<b>42,613</b>

\*Statistics are for fiscal year 2006/07 (includes pediatric mental health)

\*\*Other = patients whose health authority is out of province or unknown.



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