



Fact Sheet

Stats at a glance

(for year ended March 2008):

Employees:	2,377
New Patients:	15,687
Estimated new cancer cases for 2008:	20,928
Estimated new cancer cases for 2021:	29,098
Chemotherapy visits:	31,515*
Radiation therapy visits:	178,839
Mammograms conducted:	277,109
Pap smears interpreted:	574,369
Screening Mammography Services:	36
Square footage of buildings:	946,000
Regional cancer centres:	5
Abbotsford Centre (opens August 2008)	
Centre for the Southern Interior	
Fraser Valley Centre	
Vancouver Island Centre	
Vancouver Centre	
Community cancer centres:	20
Research laboratories:	9
Chemotherapy drug costs:	\$114,032,389
Radiation therapy program costs:	\$41,821,057

*visits at Agency's four regional centres

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The BC Cancer Agency provides a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of B.C., including prevention, screening and early detection programs, research and education, and care and treatment.

Our mission...

- to reduce the incidence of cancer
- to reduce the mortality rate of people with cancer
- to improve the quality of life of people living with cancer

Our vision... a cancer free society.

Statistics tell us one in three British Columbians will develop some form of cancer in their lifetime. Our vision, on behalf of almost 21,000 British Columbians who will be newly diagnosed this year and all the courageous people who have had cancer or are living with it right now, is for a cancer free society. B.C. has some of the most favourable outcomes in North America, but we must do better for our patients and their families.

Services provided...

- A provincial cancer registry, monitoring cancer surveillance and outcomes.
- Cervical and mammography screening programs.
- Diagnostic services and imaging procedures for staging and identifying cancers.
- A surgical oncology program to set standards, guidelines and report outcomes for surgical procedures.
- Radiation therapy services, including 24 high energy units and specialized radiation therapy services.
- Systemic therapy services (chemotherapy), provided at regional cancer centres and 20 community cancer centres.
- Supportive care, including patient and family counselling and nutritional assessment, pain management, symptom control, and palliative/end of life care.
- National and international clinical trials (phase I, II and III)
- Nine research departments, including the Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centres and the Terry Fox Laboratory.

Funding...

- Treatment and care funded through the provincial government.
- The BC Cancer Foundation raises and stewards resources to support breakthrough research and compassionate care through the BC Cancer Agency.