Fact Sheet

BC Cancer Agency
CARE + RESEARCH
An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

Stats at a glance

(for year ended March 2011)

Employees:	2,750
New patients:	17,293
Estimated new cancer cases for 2011:	23,632
Estimated new cancer cases for 2024:	33,932
Chemotherapy treatments:	39,836
Radiation therapy treatments:	191,146
Chemotherapy drug costs:	$172,536,904
Radiation therapy treatment costs:	$53,944,349
Screening mammography program:	
• Number of facilities	41 (including 3 mobile)
• Number of exams	300,215
Square footage of buildings:	953,000

Regional cancer centres:

- Abbotsford Centre
- Centre for the Southern Interior
- Fraser Valley Centre
- Vancouver Island Centre
- Vancouver Centre
- Centre for the North (2012 opening)

Research platforms:

- BC Generations Project
- Centre for Lymphoid Cancer
- Centre for Translational and Applied Genomics
- Clinical Trials Facility
- Interdisciplinary Oncology Program
- Investigational Drug Program
- Personal Response Determinants in Cancer Therapy (PREDICT)
- PET/CT Imaging
- The Genetic Pathology Evaluation Centre
- Tumour Tissue Repository

Research departments:

- Cancer Control Research
- Deeley Research Centre
- Experimental Therapeutics
- Genome Sciences Centre
- Integrative Oncology
- Molecular Oncology
- Terry Fox Laboratory

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The BC Cancer Agency, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, provides a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of B.C. in partnership with regional health authorities. This includes 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 world free from cancer

Statistics tell us one in three people will develop some form of cancer in their lifetime. Our vision, on behalf of the more than 23,000 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 world free from cancer.

Services provided

- A provincial cancer registry, monitoring cancer surveillance and outcomes
- Cervical, colorectal and mammography screening programs
- Hereditary cancer program, providing genetic counselling for families with a potential genetic pre-disposition for cancer
- 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 29 high-energy treatment units and specialized radiation therapy services
- Systemic therapy services (chemotherapy), provided at five regional cancer centres and 20 community cancer centres
- Supportive care, including patient and family counselling and nutritional assessment, pain management, symptom control, survivorship care and palliative/end of life care
- National and international clinical trials (phase I, II, III)

Funding

- Treatment and care funded through the provincial government
- Through the BC Cancer Foundation, the fundraising partner of the BC Cancer Agency, donors can make contributions to leading-edge research that have a direct impact on improvements to cancer care for patients in B.C.