

Travelling to Victoria for Cancer Treatment

www.bccancer.bc.ca/health-info/coping-with-cancer/practical-support/transportation-lodging

Transportation

Wheels of Hope offers rides to people who need transportation to their cancer treatments. This service is offered through the Canadian Cancer Society. The service is free and relies on volunteer drivers.

To book a ride, call the number below at least two days before your appointment **1 888 939 3333**

Press 3 for "Transportation Services" Press 1 "To arrange rides with a Volunteer Driver through the Wheels of Hope"

Tofino Express Bus is a bus service to and from Tofino, Ucluelet, Port Alberni, Nanaimo and Victoria. The cost from Ucluelet to Port Alberni is \$26.00.

Call **1 866 986 3466 or 250 725 2871**
to reserve your ticket by phone. tofinobus.ca

Transportation Services South Island

Cancer Drive Line provides free rides to cancer appointments. Rides are not guaranteed, they are based on driver availability. Book when you get your appointment date/time.

Rides are available 8am-5 pm Monday – Friday (except statutory holidays).

Call **778 265 0906** www.cancerdriveline.ca

Community Programs that have a "Better at Home program" may provide seniors with transportation to local medical appointments. Programs may ask for a fee for service.

Search the website directory for programs in Victoria. betterathome.ca

Medi-Van Non-emergency patient transportation for people with mobility issues. Departure originating from South Island communities.

Contact **250 389 0948 or 1 855 389 0948**

Wilson's Transportation provides BC Ferries Connector shuttle service between Victoria and Vancouver.

Call **1 888 788 8840** bcconnector.com

Community Resources

Angel Flight Provides free flights to cancer patients who need to travel from Vancouver Island communities to Victoria for cancer treatment or tests.

Call **778 677 8920** angelflight.ca

BC Ferries offers ferry service to Vancouver Island. Book reservations in advance and give yourself extra time, prior to ferry departure. If you use a wheelchair or walking aid, tell the ticket agent when you arrive at the terminal.

For more information call
toll-free **1 888 223 3779**

NOTE: BC Ferries is a partner with the Travel Assistance Program (TAP). Look under Financial Assistance for details. www.bcferrries.com

HandiDART Accessible, door-to-door shared transit service for people with disabilities. Customers must first register. It takes 2-4 weeks to approve. Book online two weeks before your appointment time. HandyPASS & Taxi Save Vouchers are available to registered users.

Register online or call **250 727 7811** bctransit.com

Canadian Cancer Society - Travel Treatment Fund offers financial assistance to help with travel costs. You can access this program if your household income is no more than \$150,000.

To access the application form or read more about the program go to:

cancer.ca/en/living-with-cancer/how-we-can-help/cancer-travel-and-accommodation-services-bc

or call toll-free **1 888 939 3333**

Hope Air If you are a patient in B.C. living approximately a 4 hour drive or more from your cancer care and you want to travel by air, you can access free travel support from Hope Air. The Hope Air team will make flight arrangements on your behalf and cover all costs.

To learn more about Hope Air's travel support, visit hopeair.ca, email info@hopeair.ca or call **1 877 346 HOPE (4673)**

First Nations Health Authority offers B.C. Residents with status B.C. medical insurance and medical transportation to attend cancer appointments.

To learn more call toll-free
1 800 317 7878 www.fnha.ca

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction may offer funding for medical transportation if you are getting Income Assistance or Persons with Disability (PWD) benefits.

Call toll-free **1 866 866 0800**

Travel Assistance Program (TAP) can assist with some transportation costs (i.e. ferry) if cancer treatment or tests are not available in your own community. Ask your doctor/clinic for a TAP form.

To learn more call toll-free
1 800 663 7100
www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/tap-bc/travelassistance-program-tap-bc

Veterans Affairs Independence Program may provide funding to assist veterans with transportation to medical appointments.
Call toll-free **1 866 522 2122** veterans.gc.ca

Cancer Lodge

The Vancouver Island Cancer Lodge is located across from Royal Jubilee Hospital and within walking distance to BC Cancer.

The lodge is free for people with cancer. Your stay also includes meals. There is a daily cost for a family member or support person to stay with you.

The lodge has limited space. Reservations are recommended.

For more information, visit:
cancer.ca/en/living-with-cancer/how-we-can-help/accommodation

Reservations: **250 592 2662**
Fax: **250 592 7616**

2202 Richmond Road, Victoria, B.C. V8R

Alternate Accommodation

The BC Government website has a "Medical Travel Accommodations Listings" webpage.
csa.pss.gov.bc.ca/medicaltravel/

When calling accommodations ask for the "medical rate".

Other Options

Many hotels have a medical accommodation rate, please ask the hotels directly.

BC Cancer – Victoria

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