



# Fact Sheet

## Stats at a glance

(for year ended March 2014)

The BC Cancer Agency, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, provides a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of BC in partnership with regional health authorities. Services offered by the BC Cancer Agency include prevention, screening and early detection programs, research and education, and care and treatment.

Employees:	2,877
Volunteers:	758 (60,399 vol. hours)
New patients:	18,078
Total patient visits:	*460,496
Chemotherapy treatments:	52,700
Radiation therapy treatments:	194,788
Chemotherapy drug costs:	\$221,140,637
Radiation therapy treatment costs:	\$57,111,589
Clinical trials:	number not yet available
Research grants:	number not yet available
Estimated new cancer cases in BC for 2014:	25,170
Estimated new cancer cases in BC for 2028:	35,450

## Screening programs

Breast:	Mammograms	275,890
	Facilities	40 (including 3 mobile)
Cervix:	Pap smears	578,285 (for 2012)
Colon:	Fecal immunochemical tests (FITs)	**41,751

\*\*Program launched November 15, 2013

## Regional cancer centres:

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- Abbotsford Centre
- Centre for the North
- Fraser Valley Centre
- Sindi Ahluwalia Hawkins, Centre for the Southern Interior
- Vancouver Centre
- Vancouver Island Centre

## Research Centre departments:

- Cancer Control Research
- Centre for Lymphoid Cancer
- Experimental Therapeutics
- Genome Sciences Centre
- Integrative Oncology
- Molecular Oncology
- Terry Fox Laboratory
- Trev & Joyce Deeley Research Centre

\* Includes new patient visits, radiation therapy visits, chemotherapy visits, and ambulatory followup visits

\*\* (from November 15, 2013 to March 31, 2014)

## We are working

- 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

Statistics tell us one in three people will develop some form of cancer in their lifetime. Our vision, on behalf of the more than 25,000 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 31 high-energy treatment units and five brachytherapy units
- Systemic therapy services (chemotherapy), provided at six regional cancer centres. 34 community cancer clinics provide IV systemic therapy treatments and 11 hospital-based pharmacies provide oral systemic therapy treatments
- Sole publicly funded service provider of PET/CT scans and cancer functional imaging innovation leader
- 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 research that have a direct impact on improvements to cancer care for patients in BC

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