About St. Paul’s Hospital

Compassionate Care for Over a Century
The new St. Paul’s will build on a rich 120-year legacy of compassionate, innovative and socially just care. Focusing on the urgent and complex health needs of the community, the hospital’s story of innovation began in 1894 when the Sisters of Providence, a Catholic religious order, established St. Paul’s Hospital as a 25-bed “cottage” on the path to English Bay. St. Paul’s was the first hospital to provide medical care to the 14,000 people living in the burgeoning coastal town of Vancouver.

An Essential Provincial Resource
From these humble beginnings, St. Paul’s has grown to serve more than 174,000 patients annually, who account for over 500,000 visits per year. It provides a diverse range of specialized programs and services, some unique to B.C. St. Paul’s is home to many world-class medical and surgical programs, including heart and lung services, HIV/AIDS, mental health and addictions care, emergency, critical care, kidney care, elder care and numerous surgical specialties.

Global Leader in Health Care Excellence
As one of two adult academic health sciences centres in B.C. affiliated with UBC and other B.C. post-secondary institutes, St. Paul’s is a renowned acute care hospital recognized provincially, nationally and internationally for its work, including several centres of excellence and affiliated research programs. By integrating evidence-based research, teaching and care, St. Paul’s leads advancements in health care that improve the lives of people in B.C. and sets the standard for best practices around the world.

• Over 84,000 emergency department visits
• 1,600 babies born
• 147 kidney transplants performed
• 869 open heart surgeries performed
• 21 heart transplants performed
Serving our Communities
WHERE DO ST. PAUL’S HOSPITAL PATIENTS COME FROM?

SPH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) VISITS BY RESIDENCE (FISCAL 2015/16)

VANCOUVER - WEST END: 11%  
VANCOUVER - DATES/STRATHCONA: 15%  
VANCOUVER - CITY CENTRE: 11%  
UNKNOWN/OUT OF BC: 7%  
OTHER BC: 37%

Total ED visits: 84,855
21% of people who visit the ED live in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside/Strathcona neighbourhoods

SPH ED ARRIVALS BY AMBULANCE BASED ON PATIENT RESIDENCE (FISCAL 2015/16)

VANCOUVER - WEST END: 11%  
VANCOUVER - DATES/STRATHCONA: 32%  
VANCOUVER - CITY CENTRE: 9%  
UNKNOWN/OUT OF BC: 7%  
OTHER BC: 27%

Total patients arrived by ambulance: 25,109
32% of people who arrive at the ED by ambulance live in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside/Strathcona neighbourhoods

SPH ACUTE INPATIENT VISITS BY RESIDENCE (FISCAL 2015/16)

VANCOUVER - WEST END: 9%  
VANCOUVER - DATES/STRATHCONA: 11%  
VANCOUVER - CITY CENTRE: 15%  
UNKNOWN/OUT OF BC: 6%  
OTHER BC: 37%

Total acute inpatient visits: 21,453
37% of St. Paul’s acute inpatient visits come from outside of Vancouver

SPH OUTPATIENT VISITS BY RESIDENCE (FISCAL 2015/16)

VANCOUVER - WEST END: 11%  
VANCOUVER - DATES/STRATHCONA: 8%  
VANCOUVER - CITY CENTRE: 13%  
UNKNOWN/OUT OF BC: 1%  
OTHER BC: 51%

Total outpatient visits: 323,544
51% of St. Paul’s outpatient visits come from outside of Vancouver