Transforming the future of health care for British Columbians

New direction for B.C.’s health system: St. Paul’s as a catalyst

The Ministry of Health has a new vision to transform B.C.’s health care system. This patient-centred plan will deliver coordinated health services to help people stay healthy and support them when they are sick. The St. Paul’s redevelopment is at the forefront of helping to realize the Ministry’s vision. This truly unique project will fully integrate health services across the spectrum for the benefit of all British Columbians.

Integrating hospital, primary and community care

The new St. Paul’s is a bold plan to establish a brand new state-of-the-art health care, research and teaching centre that will deliver excellence in acute, emergency and critical care to meet the needs of patients throughout B.C. and in local communities.

The new hospital will be connected to a number of primary care and community health services, both on the new campus and in the broader community, in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health and other providers.

Right care, right time, right place

By integrating programs and services, the new St. Paul’s will streamline access to care and enable smoother transitions for patients at home, in the community, in the new hospital or elsewhere on the new campus. This will allow them to receive the right care at the right time and in the right place. This integrated model will help healthy people stay healthy, while providing high-quality critical care when they are sick. It will also result in:

✔ Reduced wait times
✔ Better quality care
✔ Better health outcomes
✔ Better experience for our patients
✔ Improved value for health care dollars

Vision for the new St. Paul’s

To lead in the delivery of B.C.’s new model for health care by providing our patients with the highest quality, integrated, compassionate and patient-centred care, where and when they need it most.

“St. Paul’s will be a catalyst for helping realize the ministry’s new vision for providing innovative patient-centred acute, primary, ambulatory and community care in one place, especially for the most-vulnerable patient populations ... It will be a world-class hub that the people of Vancouver and all British Columbians will be proud of for years to come.”

- HON. DR. TERRY LAKE, MINISTER OF HEALTH
An integrated health campus

The new St. Paul’s will continue its more than 120-year tradition of providing compassionate and culturally-safe care to some of B.C.’s most vulnerable patient populations:

→ People with HIV/AIDS
→ People with mental health, substance use and other complex urban health issues
→ Seniors and people at the end of life
→ People with heart, lung and kidney conditions

Hospital care

The new St. Paul’s will continue to be a full-service hospital, providing general, outpatient and specialized care services to patients from local communities and throughout B.C.

It will offer acute, emergency and critical care, as well as a diverse range of specialty surgical programs, to treat people when they are the sickest and need specialized care.

→ Provincial and highly specialized programs and services such as heart, lung, cardiac, kidney care, HIV/AIDS, specialized and complex surgical services
→ Single-patient rooms to minimize infections and maximize privacy
→ Emergency and critical care
→ Operating rooms
→ New technologies and state-of-the-art spaces
→ Integrated care, research and teaching

Integrated primary & community care

The new hospital will be connected and integrated with a number of primary care (i.e.: family doctor, neighbourhood clinic, etc.) and community health services and support programs.

→ 24/7 primary care services
→ Chronic disease management services
→ Mental health and substance-use care
→ Seniors services
→ Outpatient services
→ End-of-life care
→ Community outreach programs
→ Integrated care, research and teaching

Clinical programs and services

All existing St. Paul’s programs and services offered at the present location on Burrard Street will be offered at the new Station Street site

→ Services for medically complex and frail seniors
→ Surgical services
→ Maternity care
→ Emergency care
→ Critical care
→ Kidney care
→ Heart and lung services
→ Mental health and substance use
→ Family and community medicine
→ HIV/AIDS services
Research and teaching will be highly integrated throughout the campus, enabling our world-class care providers and researchers to work side-by-side to bring medical breakthroughs to our patients at the bedside and in the community faster than ever before.

- Rapidly transfer knowledge into meaningful advancements in care
- Position British Columbians to be first in line to receive the latest in treatments, therapies and care practices
- Scale Providence’s successes with its many research centres to other areas of health care
- Share insights with the global community for the betterment of patients and public health worldwide

World-renowned research & innovation

At the new St. Paul’s, we will continue to focus on areas of research that we have become widely recognized for and also advance our expertise in emerging areas of study.

→ Centre for Heart Lung Innovation at UBC and St. Paul’s Hospital
→ BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS
→ Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences
→ Centre for Heart Valve Innovation
→ Centre for Healthy Aging at Providence
→ BC Centre for Improved Cardiovascular Health
→ CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network
→ Prevention of Organ Failure Centre of Excellence
→ The Institute for Heart + Lung Health
→ Office of Innovation & Strategic Partnerships

The new St. Paul’s will integrate innovation into the design of the hospital and health campus to facilitate better experiences and ensure better health outcomes for patients.

The campus will feature the latest advances in technology to improve the quality and efficiency of care. Health providers, researchers and educators will have access to technology and equipment that is better integrated, improving patient care and facilitating research and learning.

Teaching

As a teaching hospital affiliated with B.C.’s leading post-secondary institutions, St. Paul’s plays an important role in training approximately 25 per cent of the province’s health care workers. As the first purpose-built research and teaching hospital in British Columbia, the new St. Paul’s will continue to strongly pursue its academic mission.

Designing the campus around improved patient experience and provider wellness

Our patients and providers will benefit from spaces that not only flow but are well laid out and incorporate healing design. Elements that will improve experiences and optimize wellness include:

→ Access to natural light & views
→ Private rooms with space for support persons to stay overnight
→ Seniors-friendly campus layout
→ Simplified wayfinding and digital signage to allow easy navigation around the campus
→ Interactive & learning spaces
→ Outdoor and other spaces for wellness & rejuvenation
→ Sacred spaces (All Nations Sacred Space, meditation spaces, chapel)
→ Public art
→ Incorporating Indigenous perspectives into campus design and art program
A truly unique opportunity for B.C.

The new St. Paul's is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a brand new hospital and integrated health campus from the ground up that will serve the health care needs of British Columbians far into the future.

Station Street: An ideal location

The new St. Paul's will be centrally located on Station Street in Vancouver's False Creek Flats to serve patients in communities around Vancouver and across B.C.

The Station Street site is the ideal location for the new integrated health campus because it is:

- One of the largest undeveloped sites in Vancouver (18.4-acre site, roughly the size of 15 football fields), with enough space to accommodate the new buildings on the health campus and still have room for future expansion as health care needs evolve
- A relatively short distance from the current St. Paul's location on Burrard Street (about three kilometres away)
- Centrally located and highly accessible by major roads, public transit (SkyTrain and bus routes), bike routes and intercity bus and train
- Close to an area with increasing patient needs

Planning process

Planning for the new St. Paul's is underway and will take many years before the anticipated opening of the campus in 2023.

Contact us

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