

We're re-imagining the new St. Paul's Hospital and health campus with patients at the heart of care. This includes providing culturally safe care and health services to our Indigenous patients and to all British Columbians.



CARE THAT'S **CULTURALLY SAFE**

St. Paul's Hospital is committed to ongoing development to provide culturally safe care and health services in British Columbia. To help meet the unique needs of our Indigenous patients, the new St. Paul's Hospital and Health Campus will continue to ensure they have access to:

- An Indigenous Health Team
- An Indigenous nurse practice leader
- An Indigenous patient navigator to assist with advocacy, system navigation and access to cultural practices and Indigenous Wellness supports

In our planning, we recognize the importance of meaningful engagement and working in partnership with local Nations of this territory, Indigenous community partners and health organizations, and direct-care providers to shape the types of programs and services that will be offered and connected to the new St. Paul's Hospital and Health Campus.

Providence Health Care (Providence) is committed to our ongoing development of providing culturally safe care and access to Indigenous cultural safety training to senior leaders, program directors, emergency department staff and others.

The new hospital will be built on unceded land of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The spirit of this land, along with the culture and values of the local Nations of this territory will be reflected in the planning and design of the health campus as a whole, including the All Nations Sacred Space and Traditional Healing Garden.

The new St. Paul's Hospital Project is striving to meaningfully engage and work in partnership and collaborate with local Nations of this territory and Indigenous community partners on all aspects of Indigenousization and design planning.

We continue to foster relationships with the First Nations Health Authority, Métis Nation BC, the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres and other Indigenous organizations, and to explore opportunities to partner with community groups on health- and wellness-related initiatives.

WELLNESS & **HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Indigenous Health Workers Team will support the extension of best practices in Indigenous Wellness to clinical providers in all Providence Health Care settings. The team will lead accreditation as it relates to Indigenous Wellness in acute, community and long-term care settings. Additionally, they will develop strategies around communication, programs, services and training required to support Indigenous Wellness. This means ensuring access and understanding of First Nations Traditional Medicines and Ceremonies, and creating an inclusive environment to support Indigenous Wellness.

CEREMONIES & **TALKING CIRCLES**

We understand the value of on site cultural healing ceremonies and Talking Circles. Providence provides Yuwipi ceremonies (which is unique in North America to provide access to these ceremonies within a hospital) for all Providence acute, outpatient and community patients in an All Nations Sacred Space. These ceremonies often include traditional feasts, and involve community Indigenous leaders. Indigenous Health Team members also lead a weekly Talking Circle in the All Nations Sacred Space.

OUR **BOLD VISION**

Providence's vision for the new St. Paul's Hospital and health campus is to lead in the delivery of British Columbia's new model for health care by providing patients with the highest quality, integrated, compassionate and patient-centred care, where and when they need it most.

COMMITMENT TO **RESEARCH**

- **EQUIP-Emergency is a project underway at various Emergency Departments in BC, including St. Paul's Hospital, to enhance the capacity to provide equity-oriented health care** for those people who may receive inadequate and inequitable treatment in Emergency Departments, including Indigenous peoples, racialized newcomers, people with mental illness, those living in unstable housing or facing homelessness, experiencing interpersonal violence or using substances, and people involved in sex work. Through collaboration with Indigenous leaders, ED staff, leaders and researchers, the EQUIP-ED project aims to improve the capacity of Emergency Departments to provide high quality care to people at greatest risk of experiencing health and health care inequalities.
- **The Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences (CHÉOS) is a multidisciplinary centre focused on research and research support activities across Providence services.** With over 140 research staff, the centre conducts its own research across a range of disciplines and provides research services to the broader Providence community.
- **The Cedar Project is a partnership between Indigenous leaders and health researchers at CHÉOS to examine vulnerability to HIV among Indigenous peoples** who use drugs in Prince George and Vancouver. The findings from this study point to alarming patterns of historical trauma, childhood sexual abuse and vulnerability to sexual assault among at-risk Indigenous young women in British Columbia.
- **The First Nations Health Authority Chair in Heart Health and Wellness at Providence and SFU shifts the approach to a holistic, culturally sensitive focus on First local Nations** of this territory and Indigenous people's cardiac health to drive research initiatives and improve care.

FOR MORE **INFO**

More information about the new St. Paul's Hospital and health campus visit our website at thenewstpauls.ca.

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