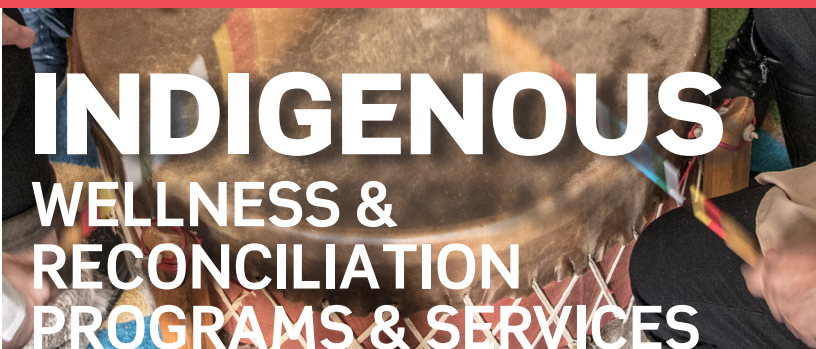


We're re-imagining the new St. Paul's Hospital and health campus with patients at the heart of care. This includes providing culturally appropriate and culturally safe care for all self-identified Indigenous patients and families across British Columbia.



OUR COMMITMENT TO CULTURAL SAFETY

St. Paul's Hospital is committed to our ongoing work to provide culturally safe and appropriate care to all self-identified Indigenous patients and families. To support the needs of Indigenous patients, the Indigenous Wellness & Reconciliation (IWR) Program at the new St. Paul's Hospital and health campus is proud to provide access to:

- Indigenous Wellness Liaison Program
- Peer Support Program
- Elder Support Program
- Dedicated space in the hospital to facilitate access to Cultural Practices, Ceremony and Traditional Medicines, including a traditional medicine garden and an Indigenous ceremonial sacred space.
- Indigenous Relations and Community Engagement team
- Indigenous Wellness & Reconciliation Committee

INDIGENOUS WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Indigenous Wellness Program at Providence Health Care supports self-identified Indigenous patients and families by providing access to Cultural Practices and community supports including Elders, as well as discharge planning and supporting culturally safe navigation for complaints. The team also provides a critical role supporting service providers to understand principles of Indigenous cultural safety and humility and apply their learnings to the care environment.

OUR COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION

In our planning, we recognize the importance of meaningful engagement and collaboration with the sovereign host Nations, BC First Nations, urban Indigenous, Metis and Inuit communities, along with 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.

This engagement and collaboration will be imbedded in the overall planning and design for the hospital and health campus, including the spaces dedicated to Cultural Practices, Ceremony and Traditional Medicines.

We continue to foster strong relationships with the First Nations Health Authority, Métis Nation BC and local urban Indigenous organizations and societies to explore opportunities to work with community groups on health and wellness related initiatives.

Providence Health Care is committed to the process of Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and providing free and accessible education and training opportunities in Indigenous cultural safety (ICS) to all staff across all levels of the organization.

INDIGENOUS WELLNESS & WELCOMING CENTRE

Located on the sovereign territories of Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, the Indigenous Wellness & Welcoming Centre, a stand-alone building on the health campus, will be a place of welcome from the host Nations to visitors from other Nations and all Indigenous patients and families. In collaboration with the host Nations, it will be a centre of hospitality and a feeling of "home", with access to health care services, Cultural Practices, Ceremony and Traditional Medicines in a culturally safe and accessible setting.

OUR COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH

- **Bridge to Transplant** is a BC-wide program to ensure rural and remote Indigenous communities have equitable access to receive - or donate - a living kidney. Studies have shown that Indigenous people are 50% less likely to get a transplant. The goal is to improve access to living donor kidneys for Indigenous patients by focusing on improving culturally appropriate and safe care and education, streamlining pre-transplant care and minimizing travel.
- **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 Cedar Project** is a partnership between Indigenous leaders and health researchers at CHEOS 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 local First Nations of this territory and Indigenous people's cardiac health to drive research initiatives and improve care.

- **The Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences (CHEOS)** 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. Current projects include hearing health in remote and rural communities and a program to improve emergency care in four remote Nuu-Chah-Nulth nations. Read the story here.

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.

FOR MORE INFO

For more information about the new St. Paul's Hospital and health campus visit our website at thenewstpauls.ca or contact us by email at thenewstpauls@providencehealth.bc.ca.

