Compassionate care for over a century

Providence Health Care’s commitment to serving those most in need began 125 years ago when the Sisters of Providence came to Vancouver and opened St. Paul’s Hospital, a 25-bed “cottage” on the path to English Bay. Now operating 17 sites, Providence Health Care is a health and wellness resource for families, patients and residents from all parts of British Columbia.

Providence Health Care was formed in 2000 through the consolidation of CHARA Health Care Society, Holy Family Hospital and St. Paul’s Hospital, and is now one of the largest Catholic health care organizations in Canada. Providence sites include two acute care hospitals, five residential care homes, an assisted living residence, a rehabilitation centre, seven community dialysis units, a hospice, an addictions clinic and a youth health clinic.

Living our values

To this day, Providence continues the mission of the five founding congregations of sisters by meeting the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of patients through compassionate care, teaching and research. Providence welcomes the challenge of caring for some of society’s most vulnerable populations. Providence recognizes their complex needs and uses innovation, compassion and respect to help them live healthier lives.

Global leader in health care excellence and innovation

Providence is home to St. Paul’s Hospital. St. Paul’s serves 174,000 unique patients who account for over 500,000 visits annually. As one of two adult academic health sciences centres in B.C. (affiliated with the University of British Columbia and other post-secondary institutions), St. Paul’s is a renowned acute care hospital recognized provincially, nationally and internationally for its work, including its several centres of excellence and affiliated research programs.
In coordination with its health partners – including the Ministry of Health, Vancouver Coastal Health and the Provincial Health Services Authority – the Providence Health Care Research Institute leads research in more than 30 clinical specialties. This research continues to advance the lives of British Columbians every day.

By integrating evidence-based research, teaching and care, Providence leads advancements in health care that improve the lives of British Columbians, while setting the standard for best practices around the world.

**Key populations we serve**

Providence Health Care brings their values forward by intentionally focusing their integrated care, teaching, and research in these areas: