

FACT SHEET



The Heart Centre at St. Paul's Hospital is a centre of excellence for cardiovascular care and the most comprehensive cardiac program in the province.

We specialize in:

- *Cardiac Surgery:* includes heart transplantation and ventricular assist devices for end-stage heart failure, as well as a high volume of bypass and valve surgery
- *Interventional Cardiology:* comprised of 2 cath labs and a brand new 18-bed Cardiac Short Stay Unit, we perform many leading-edge procedures, including the world's first percutaneous valve replacement, as well as a high volume of PCI and diagnostic caths
- *Electrophysiology:* including mapping, ablation, and ICDs
- *Adult congenital heart care:* only program in BC, following more than 2000 patients
- *Teaching health professionals:* affiliated with the University of British Columbia
- *Research:* Providence Research Institute has an emphasis on cardiovascular research

Our Facilities Include:

- *Coronary Care:* 11-bed unit receives the most ill cardiac patients in B.C.
- *Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care:* brand new, state-of-the-art 11-bed unit
- 50 cardiology/cardiac surgery telemetry beds
- Multi-use cardiac procedure room
- Several ambulatory cardiology clinics and services

Nursing Excellence

What really sets us apart as an employer is our support for nurses and allied health professionals. In addition to an extensive orientation and mentorship program for new employees, we have a weekly nursing education series, monthly Heart Centre Nursing Rounds, and an annual cardiovascular education day. We support 25-30 nurses each year to attend the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, where many of our nurses present papers and posters at the CCCN meeting. We also offer financial support to nurses to obtain CNA specialty certification in CV nursing.

Clinical support includes Clinical Nurse Leaders in each unit, as well as Nurse Educators (4) and Clinical Nurse Specialists (4), and, most recently, Nurse Practitioners. To assist in professional development, we have developed Nursing Competency statements for each of the areas within the Heart Centre, and each nurse receives a booklet of these to track his/her own learning and growth. We also offer fully funded critical care training.

Each area is lead by an Operations Leader, all of whom have nursing backgrounds. Each unit has a Care Team, and St. Paul's Hospital also has a Nursing Council with reps from each clinical area.

Our impressive patient outcomes, high patient satisfaction, and low staff turnover are the result of our true commitment to creating and sustaining a "quality practice environment."

For more information, visit our websites at:

www.heartcentre.ca

Please visit the *Careers* section of our website at:

www.providencehealthcare.org



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