

BACKGROUND

BC Transplant (BCT), established in 1986, is a comprehensive health care organization responsible for all aspects of organ transplant in British Columbia. Its role includes:

- Setting provincial standards;
- Pre-transplant assessment;
- Centralized organ recovery and donor matching;
- Follow-up care at regional clinics across the province;
- Managing and operating provincial Organ Donor Registry
- Professional and public education programs;
- Research and clinical trials
- Public education

Since the first organ transplant in British Columbia in 1968, more than 4,500 of the life-saving procedures have been performed.

BC Transplant manages the provincial Organ Donor Registry, the only one of its kind in Canada. Close to 700,000 British Columbians have registered their decision on the Registry. This represents 16% of the provincial population.

BC Transplant contracts for inpatient and outpatient transplant services from three transplant hospitals and operates seven regional clinics throughout BC for outpatient care. The transplant centres include: Vancouver General Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital and B.C.'s Children's Hospital. The seven regional clinics include: Victoria Royal Jubilee Hospital, Kamloops Royal Inland Hospital, Kelowna General Hospital, Penticton Regional Hospital, Prince George Regional Hospital, and Trail Regional Hospital, along with one free-standing clinic serving the Fraser Valley.

BC Transplant is an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), one of six health authorities in British Columbia. The PHSA is accountable for managing the quality, coordination, accessibility and cost of selected province wide health-care programs and services.

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