

# BC Transplant provides oversight for all aspects of organ donation and transplantation across BC.

## How we serve the people of BC:

We work directly with the critical care community in BC to provide donation options for families and to manage the organ donation and referral process. Transplantation services and direct patient care are funded by BCT and delivered by the health authorities through BC's three transplant centres and the province's eight regional transplant clinics.

- ➔ We work to ensure all families faced with a tragedy are given the option to consider organ donation, regardless of where in BC they live.
- ➔ We manage all organ donation activities across BC and inter-provincial sharing, including donor management, in-hospital support and organ recovery.
- ➔ We work in partnership with the health authorities in the development and delivery of regionalized programs for pre-transplant assessment and post-transplant management of transplant patients, and in the development of policies, professional standards and clinical guidelines for care.
- ➔ We provide coverage for immunosuppression medication for all transplant recipients in order to prevent organ rejection and to maintain the life of the transplant.
- ➔ Our quality assurance programs focus on best patient care and regulatory requirements.

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## Goals:

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- 1. Increase organ donation**
- 2. Reduce the number of patients on the transplant wait list**
- 3. Improve how we deliver care to patients and donor families**

## Unique programs:

- ➔ Our provincial model of care for transplant patients is unique within Canada. The province's transplant network includes three transplant centres in the Lower Mainland and eight regional clinics across the province. The transplant centres and clinics work closely together to allow patients to receive care closer to home, whenever possible.
- ➔ BC Transplant's physician champions and donation coordinators support organ donation at the hospital level and work within the health authorities to expand options for families across BC.
- ➔ Partnerships with Service BC and ICBC have made it easier than ever for British Columbians to register their decision on organ donation. People can now register at any one of Service BC's 62 locations, at one of 18 ICBC driver licensing locations, or online from any computer or mobile device.

# 1.1million

the number of British Columbians who have registered their decision on organ donation



# 4,500

number of patients being cared for following transplant surgery



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- ➔ BC's deceased donation rate is above the national rate at 20.3 donors per million (national rate in 2015 – 18.2).
- ➔ BC's living donation rate is above the national rate at 19.9 donors per million (national rate is 15.7).
- ➔ BC's deceased organ donor rate has more than doubled since 2009 – a direct result of the work BC Transplant has done to support organ donation at the hospital level, through the creation of new donation coordinator and physician champion roles, and expanded options for donation.
- ➔ In 1997, BC became the first province in Canada to establish an official organ donor registry.
- ➔ In June 2016, BC Transplant celebrated a huge milestone: The 1 millionth registered British Columbian in BC's Organ Donor Registry.
- ➔ Since BC's first transplant in 1968, 7,500 transplants have been performed.
- ➔ In 2016, BC set a number of transplant-related records including 40 lung transplants, 28 heart transplants, and a record number of deceased donors.

## Research and education:

BC Transplant's provincial education strategy aims to shift the province to create a culture that embraces organ donation as a normal part of end-of-life considerations.

Specific initiatives include education for health professionals working in critical care and in transplant, and public awareness and engagement activities that demonstrate the positive power of organ donation and transplantation.



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- Register your decision on organ donation at [www.transplant.bc.ca](http://www.transplant.bc.ca)
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