

Transplant Recipient Support Guide

Throughout your transplant journey, you're likely to experience many different emotions and have many questions. The good news is you don't have to go through it alone. Many groups in BC offer support and resources that can help you through this transition.

The following is a list of some resources available to BC transplant recipients and their families:

Accommodation

- [Vancouver Coastal Health - Places to Stay 2014 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Providence Health - Accommodations Guide 2013 \(PDF\)](#)

Support

[Children's Organ Transplant Society](#)

The Children's Organ Transplant Society is dedicated to enhancing the lives of children in British Columbia who have had a transplant, those who are waiting for a transplant, as well as their families, through support services, advocacy and awareness.

Heart Transplant Home Society

Provides furnished accommodation for heart transplant patients. Contact Ron Bayne: ronbayne@gmail.com | 604-535-0411

[Rest Easy](#)

Started by Kris and Tanya Kirby, Rest Easy's mission is to provide a one-night stay at a hotel close to St Paul's Hospital for every heart transplant recipient's "person" on the day of their loved one's transplant, so they can Rest Easy for the first time in a long time.

[Happy Liver Society](#)

The Happy Liver Society of BC is a non-profit society focused on providing housing to support patients and their families from all over British Columbia as they need to travel to Vancouver General Hospital for a life-saving Liver Transplant. The society operates Stacey House for the exclusive use of post-operative liver patients and their family members who must travel to Vancouver for treatment of their liver disease.

[Kidney Foundation of Canada - BC Branch](#)

The BC Branch manages the Kidney Suites program providing accommodation for transplant recipients. The KFoC also manages the Living Organ Donor Expense Reimbursement Program. Check out their ebook: [Kidney Foundation, Living with Kidney Failure - Chapter 4, transplant](#)

The Fraser Valley Transplant Network

The Fraser Valley Transplant Network is a support group of pre and post-transplant individuals, family and friends, offering support through education, experiences and answering questions. For more information, please call Charlie or Diane Fox at 604.533.3352

David Foster Foundation

The David Foster Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing financial support for non-medical expenses to Canadian families with children in need of life-saving organ transplants.

Transplant and donation

Canadian Blood Services
www.organandtissues.ca

Canadian Organ Replacement Register (CORR)
www.cihi.ca/corr

Canadian Society of Transplantation
www.cst-transplant.ca

Health

Advanced Care Planning (PDF)

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Canada Inc.
www.alpha1canada.ca
1-888-669-4583

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Canadian Registry
www.alpha1canadianregistry.com
1-800-352-8186

Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
www.cysticfibrosis.ca

Canadian Lung Association
www.lung.ca

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.
www.clhia.ca

Canadian MedicAlert™ Foundation
www.medicalert.ca

Living with Pulmonary Hypertension
www.livingwithph.ca

Canada Pension Disability
www.servicecanada.gc.ca
1-800-277-9914