



NOTICE TO OUR PATIENTS

BC Transplant is dedicated to you the patients, to ensure that you receive the best care possible. To assist us in carrying out this responsibility, you may be required to provide us with personal information during the course of your treatment. With your consent, this information may be collected from you, your referring physician, or other health care agencies/facilities involved in your care. Collection of this information is authorized by the *Human Tissue Gift Act* and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

As a public body, BC Transplant must comply with the requirements of British Columbia's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* in terms of collection, use, retention, disclosure and security of personal information. Your personal information will be disclosed only for the following purposes:

- your care
- maintaining contact with you to help us assist in improvements in quality of care
- teaching and education
- research, as outlined under Section 35 of *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*
- as directed under the law, court order, or subpoena
as authorized under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of the Privacy Act*.

Some of your information collected will be stored in paper health records, while other information will be stored in an electronic health record on the BC Transplant Information System. Your personal information is stored securely at all times, and is only available to authorized staff for the purpose for which it is collected.

When necessary, relevant reports will be sent to your referring physician or other health care agencies/facilities involved in your care to ensure continuous and consistent medical treatment. Information will not be disclosed to any other parties without your consent.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, you may request access to or correction of your personal information held by BC Transplant. Requests for access to your records can be made in writing to the address below. For additional information please contact:

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