

BC Transplant Information Sheet

Post-transplant patients moving to or from BC

Specialized post-transplant care is essential for all transplant recipients. The following information sheet outlines some of the important steps to consider when planning a move to or from BC.

Moving to BC (to become a BC resident)

- 1) Inform your current transplant team/clinic that you are moving to BC. They will need to transfer your medical/transplant file to one of the BC post-transplant clinics and arrange a follow up appointment.
 - There are [post-transplant clinics throughout BC](#):
 - Transplant Centres:
 - Vancouver General Hospital (kidney, liver, lung, pancreas, islet cell transplants)
 - St. Paul's Hospital (heart, kidney transplants)
 - BC Children's Hospital (heart, kidney, liver, lung transplants)
 - Regional Post-Transplant Clinics:
 - Kamloops
 - Kelowna
 - Nanaimo
 - Penticton
 - Prince George
 - Surrey
 - Trail
 - Victoria
- 2) Apply for BC Medical and PharmaCare coverage as soon as you arrive in BC. It can take up to three months for your BC Medical and Pharmacare coverage to activate.
 - BC Medical Services Plan (BC MSP)
 - [Medical Services Plan - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
 - BC PharmaCare (Fair PharmaCare)
 - [PharmaCare for B.C. Residents - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
- 3) Check with your new BC post-transplant clinic that you have a follow up appointment. They will need to register you with BC Transplant. This will ensure that your transplant medications are covered by BC Transplant provided you have these prescriptions filled at one of the 13 BC Transplant Pharmacies.
 - The [BC Transplant Partner Pharmacies](#) are located near one of the post-transplant clinics throughout BC.
- 4) Ensure you bring at least a three-month supply of your transplant and other medications with you. It may take up to three months before your BC medical and medication coverage is active after you arrive in BC.

Moving from BC (to become a resident of another province)

- 1) Inform your BC transplant clinic that you are planning to move to another province. They can help transfer your medical/transplant file to another transplant clinic and arrange a follow up appointment.
- 2) Remember to apply for medical and medication coverage in the province you are moving to. There may be up to a three-month delay in getting coverage activated.
- 3) Ensure you bring at least a three-month supply of your transplant and other medications with you.