

Financial Assistance

Canadian Cancer Society - Travel Treatment Fund offers financial assistance that may help with travel costs for some patients with low income. Check to see if this program is right for you call toll-free 1 888 939 3333

First Nations Health Authority offers B.C. residents with status and BC medical insurance, medical transportation to attend cancer appointments. To learn more call toll-free 1 800 317 7878 or go to their website. www.fnha.ca

Persons who identify as First Nations (Metis, Inuit and non status) and are in need of financial assistance with accommodations during treatments are welcome to contact Patient and Family Counselling services for additional support. Call 604 877 6000 x 672194

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction may offer funding for medical transportation if you are getting Income Assistance or Persons with Disabilities (PWD) benefits. Call toll-free 1 866 866 0800

Travel Assistance Program (TAP) can assist with some transportation costs if cancer treatment or tests are not available in your own community. Ask your doctor/clinic for a TAP form. Learn what transportation options are available on the website. www.gov.bc.ca/travelassistanceprogram Call toll-free 1 800 663 7100

Veterans Affairs Independence Program may provide funding to assist veterans with transportation to medical appointments. Call toll-free 1 866 522 2122

Accommodation

Canadian Cancer Society - Vancouver Lodge is intended to be a home away from home for people with cancer who need to travel to receive treatment. Staff and volunteers are trained to help meet practical needs during cancer treatment. The lodge also offers social and emotional support through different programs and activities. Wig and breast prosthesis bank are on site.

Location:

**575 West 10th Ave
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4C3
Phone: 604.879.9131**

Aboriginal Patient Lodge

1245 East 8th Ave, Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1V2
The lodge offers 1, 2 and 3 bedroom suites and all suites include bathrooms, livingrooms and kitchens. For availability enquiries please call 604 707 9191 or visit their website www.lnhs.ca/aboriginal-health-wellness

Hope Air in partnership with Airbnb

Can provide free accomodation to qualified individuals during medical treatment up to 7 days. Accomodation can be booked additionally or independently of flights. For further information, call 416 222 6335 or toll-free 1 877 346 HOPE (4673) or visit www.hopeair.ca

Alternate Accommodation

The BC Government website has a "Medical Travel Accommodations Listings" webpage. Enter your arrival and departure dates and location (Vancouver). When calling accommodations ask for the "medical rate". <http://csa.pss.gov.bc.ca/medicaltravel/>

Options:

Easter Seals House

3981 Oak St, Vancouver, B.C. V6H 4H5
604 736 3475 or toll-free 1 800 818 3666

YWCA Hotel

733 Beatty St, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2M4
604 895 5830 or toll-free 800 663 1424

Pacific Spirit Hostel

1935 Lower Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z2
604 822 1000 or toll-free 1 888 822 1030

Douglas Guest House

456 West 13th Ave, Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 2V8
604 872 3060 or toll-free 1 888 872 3060

Fairview Guest House

896 West 13th Ave, Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4E4
604 873 0842

This brochure is for the convenience of our cancer patients and their families. BC Cancer is in no way endorsing specific businesses. Please speak directly with the accommodation of your choice for further information.



Provincial Health Services Authority

Travelling to Vancouver for Cancer Treatment



600 West 10th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4E6

604 877 6000
or toll-free 1 800 663 3333

Patient & Family Counselling
604 877 6000 x 672194

Community Travelling Resources

Volunteer Cancer Drivers provides free rides for patients in many areas not serviced by the Freemasons Cancer Car. Call to enquire about routes and registration or to book a ride. Call 604 515 5400 or visit their website www.volunteercancerdrivers.ca

Community programs that have a "Better at Home" program may provide seniors with transportation to medical appointments. Some programs may require a fee for service. To find a non-profit organization near you, go to the map and look up your community. Visit their website map www.betterathome.ca

Hope Air arranges free flights for those who need to travel for medical reasons and are in financial need. Call 1 877 346 4673 or visit their website <https://hopeair.ca>

Angel Flight provides free flights to cancer patients who need to travel from Vancouver Island communities to Vancouver for cancer treatments. Call 778 677 8920 or visit their website www.angelflight.ca

Bus Services

Translink:

Call 604 953 3333 for general information. See schedules and rates on their website. <https://www.translink.ca>

Sea Bus:

North Vancouver to Vancouver

Skytrain:

Expo Line -Vancouver-Surrey
Canada Line - Vancouver-YVR/Richmond
Millennium Line - Vancouver-Coquitlam

West Coast Express:

Mission City to Vancouver

Bus Services

HandyDART:

Accessible, door-to-door shared transit service for people with permanent or temporary disabilities. Customers must first register, it takes 2-4 weeks to approve. A HandyCARD and Taxi Saver vouchers are available to registered riders. Register for HandyDART online or call 778 452 2869. To book or cancel a trip call 604 575 6600.

Ebus:

Offers standard fare and an online fare. Book tickets online and receive a 5% discount. Rides from Surrey, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Hope, Merritt, West Kelowna, Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops. Call toll-free 1 877 769 3287 <https://myebus.ca/>

Parking

Cancer centre parkade:

Parking is available in the parkade on the corner of 10th Avenue and Ash Street. Cost is \$3.50 per hour with \$14.25 maximum daytime rate. A booth attendant is available during daytime hours. Display receipt clearly on dash.

Parking pass:

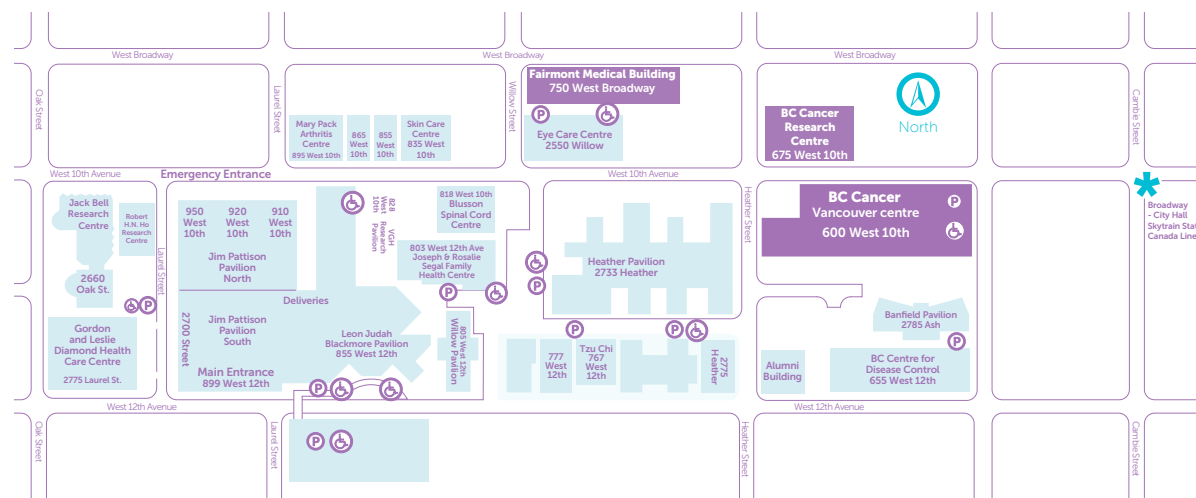
For long term parking requests ask your radiation therapist to provide a letter of approval and give the letter to the parking attendant. The options are:
Four Week Pass - \$103.25 and discounted rate for Six Week Pass - \$103.25.

Hardship parking:

Patient and Family Counselling Services can request a hardship parking pass for eligible patients who cannot afford parking on case by case basis. This is a request made to the parking office by a counsellor. Call 604 877 6000 x 672194 for more information.

Street or private lots:

Metered two hour street parking is available on surrounding streets. Read street signs as some parking is for residents only. Receive one or two hour free parking with a minimum purchase at a store in the City Square Shopping Centre. Make sure you validate your ticket with the retailer. Validation is available only one time or you will need to pay the maximum daily rate. Several private parking lots and garages are available on the surrounding streets.



★ The closest Skytrain stop to BC Cancer is Broadway-City Hall