



YOUR IMPACT IN 2024-2025

Celebrating the impact of giving

When faced with a health crisis in BC, many turn to Vancouver General Hospital (VGH), UBC Hospital, G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre or Vancouver Community Health Services. And when they do, it's your support that helps ensure they are met with hope, healing and world-class care.

This past year, 11,843 supporters like you came together to raise more than \$150 million. That support powered life-saving treatments, breakthrough research and compassionate care for people across our province. In this report, you'll discover some of the incredible achievements you helped make possible. You didn't just make a donation. You made a difference.

Donors are the heartbeat of our mission. With your gifts, you helped equip our hospitals and health care centres with cutting-edge tools. You gave researchers the resources to pursue bold ideas and find answers to complex health challenges. **You stood with patients and families when they needed it most.**

At VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, we're proud to be BC's leading charity investing in health care innovation. Thank you for being a part of our journey to better health care for all of BC.

With gratitude,

Angela Chapman

President & CEO

VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation

\$150 million raised

IN CONSOLIDATED REVENUE, 2024-25

Four key areas

OF SUPPORT



41% Equipment and capital projects

31% Research

27% Patient care and other

1% Education

From near and far

OUR COMMUNITY OF DONORS



11
Countries



203
Cities, towns and
communities
across BC



Vancouver General Hospital



UBC Hospital



GF Strong Rehab Centre



VCH Research Institute



Vancouver Community
Health Services

**VGH+
UBC** hospital
foundation



A new era in spinal care for BC

Earlier this year, the first patient was successfully treated using VGH's revolutionary new spine robot. The robot is just one of the latest technological advancements made possible by donors like you.

"We're one of the first in the country to acquire this robot," says Dr. Nicolas Dea, Division Head of the Combined Neurosurgery & Orthopaedic Spine Program at VGH. "With this technology, we will be able to improve spinal care in multiple fields, including oncology, spinal deformity, trauma and spinal cord injury. This robot will take spinal care in BC to the next level."

As a world-renowned spine surgeon, Dr. Dea knows a thing or two about transformative care. His expertise in spinal oncology and spinal cord injury has captured the attention of global medical communities. He has also earned prestigious accolades, including being named one of the top

20 spine specialists under 40 in North America in 2020.

As Dr. Dea explains, traditional spine surgeries typically involve large incisions, with surgeons needing to detach muscles from the spine to gain better access. It can be a highly invasive procedure for patients, resulting in extended hospital stays and recovery times. The robot changes all of this.

"OUR PRIORITY IS ALWAYS TO PROVIDE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR PATIENTS AND THIS TECHNOLOGY WILL HELP WITH THAT." – DR. DEA

The spine robot has a profound impact on both the preoperative stage and during the surgery itself. It enables the spine team to create a 3D virtual blueprint of each patient's anatomy, giving surgeons an unparalleled view of the target area before surgery even begins. And then, its incredible precision makes for



DR. NICOLAS DEA WITH VGH'S
REVOLUTIONARY NEW SPINE ROBOT.

minimally invasive procedures—which in turn leads to improved patient outcomes, faster recovery, shorter hospital stays, reduced pain—and reduced wait times for future patients.

It takes an extraordinary leader with a bold vision to guide a division to new heights. But it also takes the support of thoughtful and generous donors like you to help make a vision become a reality. The impact of donors on spinal care at VGH—and by extension, in BC and beyond—cannot be overstated.

"Without philanthropy, acquiring this technology would not be possible," says Dr. Dea. "It is 100% donor-funded and we're so lucky to have the help of amazing donors that support the investment in such technologies. It plays a crucial role in advancing health care in BC."



Watch the spine robot in action:
vghfoundation.ca/spinerobot

Direct impact on patient care in 2024-25

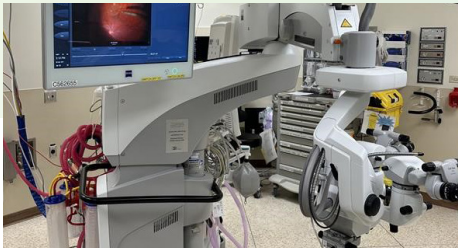
VGH	29,375 INPATIENT VISITS	21,957 SURGERIES	90,893 ER VISITS	472,682 CLINIC VISITS		
UBC HOSPITAL	5,389 INPATIENT VISITS	7,021 SURGERIES	27,599 ER VISITS	104,123 CLINIC VISITS		
G.F STRONG REHABILITATION CENTRE	22,810 VISITS		VANCOUVER COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES	146,000+ CLIENTS SERVED	3.3M+ VISITS	



A JOURNEY OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION: KERI-ROSE’S STORY

After a decade of living with epilepsy, nursing student Keri-Rose suffered a seizure that stopped her heart. She was referred to BC’s only Seizure Investigation Unit (SIU) at VGH, where she was diagnosed with a rare condition called Ictal Asystole. With expert care, her seizures were stabilized. Inspired by the life-changing care she received; Keri-Rose became a neurological nurse—joining the very unit that changed her life.

VGH is the provincial referral centre for epilepsy care and the only facility in BC able to diagnose and offer comprehensive treatment options for many neurological disorders. With donor support, the program has been able to double the capacity of the SIU, offer innovative treatment techniques and expand holistic patient care.



THE GIFT OF SIGHT: DONOR SUPPORT ADVANCES EYE CARE AT VGH

Donor support has funded a state-of-the-art ophthalmic microscope equipped with an integrated optical coherence tomography scanner and 3D visualization system. This technology optimizes surgical precision, improves patient outcomes and enhances education by enabling the operating room team to view procedures in real-time. So far, over 500 patients have already benefited from this exciting new technology.

One of these patients was a young man with congenital night blindness who received BC’s first-ever ocular gene therapy. Surgeons used the microscope’s precision to inject medication into the subretinal space, restoring his night vision and granting him newfound independence. This breakthrough was only possible because donors helped bring this technology to VGH.



CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF GROWTH AND HEALING

2024 marked the fifth year of a horticulture program for clients receiving inpatient mental health care at VGH’s Willow Pavilion and Joseph & Rosalie Segal & Family Health Centre. Thanks to the generous support of donors, this initiative continues to flourish—bringing nature, connection and healing to those on their journey to recovery.

This past year, 96 clients participated in group and individual horticultural therapy sessions that encourage them to take on responsibilities within their units and in the outdoor garden spaces. These positive experiences give clients a sense of accomplishment, structure and purpose, while enhancing mindfulness and promoting physical activity—all of which support the development of better coping skills for those experiencing mental health challenges.



You're helping people across BC live healthier, happier lives

Every day, our health care teams are doing extraordinary work—caring for patients, solving complex medical challenges and delivering hope to people from every corner of BC. And every day, your support makes that possible.

Because of you, patients and families from communities across the province can receive specialized care that helps them live longer, healthier lives. Your support also provides doctors and researchers with advanced imaging tools that lead to faster diagnoses and better treatments.

When you choose to give to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, you are choosing to be part of a powerful community of donors that are committed to investing in innovation, in people and in progress. You are joining forces with thousands of supporters around our province to empower a network of caregivers, scientists and programs that are pushing the boundaries of what's possible in health care.

Together, we are building the path forward and helping patients and families find their way to brighter, healthier futures.

**Thank you for being such an important part of this journey.
We couldn't do it without you.**

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MADE POSSIBLE WITH
DONOR SUPPORT**

2 Stress Test Machines

Cardiac Care – VGH + UBC
\$58,239

1 Holmium 120W Moses Laser

Surgery – UBC OR
\$242,662

600 Masimo Radius PPG Pulse Oximetry Sensors

Research – VGH Emergency, VCHRI
\$23,166

1 Zeiss OPMI Pico System Colposcope

Gynecology – VGH Women's Clinic
\$58,239

3 Titan Cestero Surgical Retractor Systems

Emergency – VGH Trauma Services
\$192,512

AND MUCH MORE



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...that you can leave a gift in your will?
...that you can start your own fundraiser?
...that we have a tribute program?

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