

## TIA RAPID ASSESSMENT CLINICS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Through support from the BCSS, a number of new TIA Rapid Assessment Clinics were established or expanded across the province. These clinics provide important tests and rapid intervention and management to greatly reduce the risk of an acute stroke, which can occur soon after a TIA. Below is a brief description of existing clinics and contact information for referrals. As more clinics are established, this information will be updated and added to the BCSS website at [www.bcstrokestrategy.ca](http://www.bcstrokestrategy.ca) and to HealthLinkBC.

<b>FRASER HEALTH AUTHORITY</b>						AS OF MAY 2010
Operates a network of three regional TIA Rapid Access Clinics. Patients meet with a neurologist and nurse, who specialize in stroke prevention. Together, a thorough neurological assessment is provided, and referrals for further testing or specialist consultations given. Patients also learn more on how to reduce their risk of stroke.						
<b>INTAKE PROCESS:</b>						
1. Call <b>Central Intake</b> for referral form	→					604.585.5666 extension 3264
2. Fax completed referral form back to Central Intake	→					604.585.5968
3. Patient will be contacted directly by Central Intake						
LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE #	FAX #	CLINIC HOURS	
<b>Fraser South:</b> SMH Neurology Clinic Charles Barham Pavillion Surrey Memorial Hospital	13750 – 96 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Surrey	604.587.3923	604.585.5968	Monday to Friday 0800 – 1200 PST	
<b>Fraser North:</b> Care Clinic Health Care Centre, Bsmt level Royal Columbian Hospital	330 E Columbia St	New Westminster	604.520.4661	604.528.5029	Monday & Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 0900 – 1200 PST	
<b>Fraser East:</b> Shared Clinic Abbotsford Regional Hospital	32900 Marshall Rd	Abbotsford	604.851.4700 Local 642287	604.851.4774	Tuesday & Thursday 0800 – 1200 PST	
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<b>INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY</b>						AS OF MAY 2010
Operates two TIA Rapid Access Clinics. In <b>Kamloops</b> and <b>Cranbrook</b> , a nurse contacts patient for a detailed history after the referral is received, confers with the specialist, and arranges diagnostic tests and patient appointments. In Kamloops, patients meet with a neurologist; and in Cranbrook, with an internist to determine stroke risk, and to determine if further investigations or referrals are required. Education on stroke risk reduction and lifestyle modification is offered.						
<b>INTAKE PROCESS:</b>						
1. Call clinic for referral form (forms also available in hospital ERs and local GP offices)	→					See contact information below
2. Fax completed referral form back to clinic	→					See contact information below
3. Patient will be contacted directly by the clinic nurse						
LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE #	FAX #	CLINIC HOURS	
<b>Royal Inland Hospital</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Alumnae Tower	311 Columbia St	Kamloops	250.314.2727	250.314.2198	Monday to Friday 0800 – 1600 PST	
<b>Cranbrook Wellness Centre</b> Cranbrook Health Unit	20 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue South	Cranbrook	250.489.6414	250.489.6420	Monday to Friday 0900 – 1200 MST	
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### NORTHERN HEALTH AUTHORITY

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A nurse or Rapid Referral Navigator (RRN) contacts patient for detailed history after referral is received, confers with the specialist, arranges diagnostic tests and patient appointments and contacts patient's PCP. Patients receive education on stroke risk reduction and lifestyle modification.

**INTAKE PROCESS:**

1. Phone/email completed referral form and orders → See contact information below
2. Patient and PCP will be contacted directly by RRN

LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE #	Email Address	CLINIC HOURS
<b>University Hospital of Northern BC</b>	1475 Edmonton Street	Prince George	250.614.9655	<a href="mailto:Rita.Sweeney@northernhealth.ca">Rita.Sweeney@northernhealth.ca</a>	Monday to Friday 0800 - 1600

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### VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

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Operates three. At **Lion's Gate Hospital**, a 24-hour centralized referral system is provided serving patients from the North Shore, Sunshine Coast, Whistler/Pemberton corridor and the North Coast. At **St. Paul's Hospital** and **Vancouver General Hospital**, clinics provide rapid access, assessment, investigations, expert opinion and evaluation by a stroke neurologist. Same-day access to CT head scans and angiograms, carotid ultrasound, laboratory testing and cardiac evaluations is provided. Referrals from family and emergency physicians and specialists are accepted and triaged. Emergent/urgent cases are typically seen within one week.

**INTAKE PROCESS:**

1. Call clinic directly for referral form → See contact information below
2. Fax completed referral form back to clinic → See contact information below
3. Patient will be contacted directly by the clinic

LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE #	FAX #	CLINIC HOURS
<b>Lion's Gate Hospital</b> TIA/Stroke Rapid Access Service		North Vancouver		604.904.3513	24-hr referral service
<b>St. Paul's Hospital</b> Providence Health Care Stroke/TIA Outpatient Clinic	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Burrard Building 1081 Burrard St	Vancouver	604.806.8735	604.806.9057	Wednesday 0900 – 1600 PST
<b>Vancouver General Hospital</b> Stroke Prevention Clinic Diamond Health Centre (or visit <a href="http://www.bcstrokecentre.ca">www.bcstrokecentre.ca</a> for more information)	8267 – 2275 Laurel Street	Vancouver	604.875.5295	604.875.4374	Tuesday & Thursday 1300 – 1600 PST Wednesday 0800 – 1600 PST Friday 0800 – 1200 PST

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### VANCOUVER ISLAND HEALTH AUTHORITY

AS OF MAY 2010

Operates two TIA Rapid Access Clinics. These outpatient clinics are accessed by physician referral and provide timely assessment, diagnostic workup, education and treatment for patients with symptoms of TIA/ minor stroke.

**INTAKE PROCESS:**

1. Call clinic for referral form → See contact information below
2. Fax completed forms back to clinic → See contact information below
3. Patient will be contacted directly by the clinic nurse

LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE #	FAX #	CLINIC HOURS
<b>South Island:</b> Stroke Rapid Assessment Unit Victoria General Hospital	1 Hospital Way	Victoria	250.727.4056	250.727.4356	Monday to Friday 0830 – 1800 PST
<b>North Island:</b> North Island Stroke Clinic Campbell River and District Regional Hospital	375 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	Campbell River	250.850.2194	250.286.7086	Monday to Friday 0800 – 1600 PST

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