

Vancouver Island Health Authority Vancouver Island, BC



West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni

West Coast General Hospital (WCGH) is a 52-bed acute care facility located on central Vancouver Island in the city of Port Alberni.

Diagnostic Imaging Services include Picture Archiving and Communication (PACS), general radiography seven days per week with after hours on call, fluoroscopy, mammography, and ultrasound Monday to Friday, and CT scanning 3 days per week.

Emergency Services are provided 24/7 and include a Psychiatric Crisis Team (7 days/week). Bed capacity is 5 stretcher bays, 6 monitors + 1 chair (IV therapy, fast track); Cast room; 1 trauma room; 1 gynecology room; 1 negative pressure room and 1 psychiatric interview room.

In-Patient Services include anaesthesia, general surgery (2 operating room theatres and endoscopy suite), urology, internal medicine, paediatrics, radiology, pathology, and obstetrics/ gynecology.

Intensive Care Services (ICU) consists of a 3-bed unit including a negative pressure room. Staffing team includes nursing, respiratory therapy support (1 day a week), and 3 internists.

Laboratory Services include the clinical areas of chemistry, hematology/coagulation, blood bank and specimen procurement and electrocardiogram services during evenings, weekends and holidays. Outpatient services are available Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Saturday 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Inpatient and Emergency patients are Monday to Sunday, 6:30 am to 11:30 pm including statutory holidays. A technologist is on-call for all hours not staffed for emergencies.

Medical/Surgical Services include 4 labor/delivery/post partum rooms, and a 45 bed mixed medical/surgical unit. Services include post-operative surgical care, medical care, palliative care, pediatrics, sub acute psychiatry services and 1 negative pressure room. Staffing includes 3 internists, 2 pediatricians, 3 general surgeons, 1 obstetrics/gynecologist, anaesthetists, and an urologist.

Outpatient Services include physiotherapy, diabetes education, nutrition services, the Internal Medicine Clinic and laboratory.

