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## Year-end report shows overall service levels continue to grow

- The Vancouver Island Health Authority was formed in December 2001 by combining the Capital Health Region, Central Vancouver Island Health Region and Community Health Councils on Northern Vancouver Island and remote areas of the coastal mainland.
- Since that time, health care services have realized significant increases in service levels and volumes, as well as in the range of services provided.

SERVICE AREA:	2003/04 <sup>1</sup>	2013/14	2014/15 (365 days)	2015/16 (366 days)	% CHANGE from previous year adj for days
<b>ACUTE (HOSPITAL) CARE:</b>					
Number of babies born:	5,665	5,877	5,891	5,992	1.4 ↑
Admissions to hospital:	70,484	69,234	71,386	71,599	0
Number of patient days:	523,328	562,293	570,341	588,956	3.0 ↑
Unscheduled Emergency Dept. visits:	272,255	332,432	350,764	370,971	5.5 ↑
<b>SURGERY:</b>					
Surgeries performed (day and overnight):	61,128	61,165	63,299	63,563	0.1 ↑
Hip and knee surgeries performed: <sup>2</sup>	1,428	2,459	2,800	3,287	17.1 ↑
Cataract surgeries performed: <sup>2</sup>	6,852	9,749	10,275	10,339	0.3 ↑
Open heart surgeries performed: <sup>2,3</sup>	742	705	715	712	-0.7 ↓
<b>RENAL (KIDNEY) CARE:</b>					
Renal dialysis treatments delivered:	41,976	57,127	58,027	57,172	-1.7 ↓
<b>DIAGNOSTICS:</b>					
MRI scans performed:	13,556	26,175	28,064	31,908	13.4 ↑
CT scans performed:	58,229	103,651	111,596	115,843	3.5 ↑
<b>CARE IN THE COMMUNITY:</b>					
Number of residential care beds:	4,688	5,377	5,406	5,398	-0.4 ↓
Number of assisted living units:	210	1,022	1,020	1,015	-0.8 ↓
Home Support – hours of service provided: <sup>4</sup>	1,944,239	3,394,319	3,311,827	3,276,064	-1.4 ↓
Home Support – # of clients receiving service, period average: <sup>4</sup>	4,664	6,148	5,998	5,980	-0.6 ↓
Nursing services delivered in patient homes – new cases: <sup>4,5</sup>	7,042	11,675	11,139	11,378	1.9 ↑
Rehab services delivered in patient homes – new cases: <sup>4,5</sup>	6,748	10,660	11,122	11,449	2.7 ↑
Acute & residential palliative/hospice beds	27	43	43	50	16.0 ↑
Community mental health & substance use beds:	789	1,111	1,108	1,149	3.4 ↑
<b>NURSE PRACTITIONERS:</b>					
Number of Island Health nurse practitioners	0	40	58	59	1.4 ↑

<b>DIABETES:</b>					
New referrals to diabetes education centres: <sup>6</sup>	(2006/07) 2,897	7,747	8094	8504	5.1 ↑
Total visits to diabetes education centres: <sup>6</sup>	(2006/07) 18,552	23,952	24,564	24,900	1.4↑

<sup>1</sup> VIHA's fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31. 2003/04 is the earliest year that reliable, island-wide statistics are available.

<sup>2</sup> This number is a subset of the total surgical activity number.

<sup>3</sup> Many patients from Interior Health and Northern Health who previously would have had open heart surgery in Island Health are now referred to the new cardiac centre in Kelowna.

<sup>4</sup> Data is continuously updated for Home Support and Home Care, therefore future reports will likely show updated values.

<sup>5</sup> Number of Clients who received some level of service (not just open referrals).

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