

FACT SHEET

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VIHA SERVICE AND PROGRAM LEVELS UP SIGNIFICANTLY

- 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.
- Overall, spending has increased 34 per cent. This increased investment, along with strategic targeting of resources in high needs/growth areas, improved technologies, efficiencies and innovation, has resulted in significant enhancements in program and service volumes:

SERVICE AREA:	2003/04*	2008/09	CHANGE
ACUTE (HOSPITAL) CARE:			
Number of babies born:	5,665	6,047	↑ 6.7%
Admissions to hospital:	69,970	72,600	↑ 3.7%
Number of patient days:	523,261	518,849	↓ 0.8%
Number of unscheduled Emergency Department visits:	272,255	276,928	↑ 1.7%
SURGERY:			
Number of surgeries performed (day and overnight):	61,128	63,276	↑ 3.5%
Number of hip and knee surgeries performed:**	1,428	2,461	↑ 72.3%
Number of cataract surgeries performed:**	6,852	9,420	↑ 37.5%
Number of open heart surgeries performed:	742	832	↑ 12.1%
RENAL (KIDNEY) CARE:			
Renal dialysis treatments delivered:	41,976	51,633	↑ 23.0%
DIAGNOSTICS:			
MRI scans performed:	13,556	22,567	↑ 66.5 %
CT scans performed:	58,229	91,875	↑ 57.8%
HOME & COMMUNITY CARE:			
Number of residential care beds:	4,688	5,211	↑ 11.2%
Number of assisted living units:	210	1,066	↑ 407.6%
Home Support – hours of service provided:	1,944,239	2,719,173	↑ 39.8%
Home Support – number of clients served:	4,664	5,389	↑ 15.5%
Nursing services delivered in patients' homes – new cases:	7,042	12,151	↑ 72.5%
Rehab services delivered in patients' homes – new cases:	6,748	8,739	↑ 29.5%

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS:			
Number of beds:	789	976	↑ 23.7%
PRIMARY CARE/CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT:			
GPs participating practice improvement initiatives:	35	326	831.4%
Patients served by multidisciplinary teams (excluding Nurse Practitioners):	0	10,300	
Diabetic patients receiving care based on recommended criteria:	18%	55%	n/a

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

***This number is a subset of the total surgical activity number.*

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