

# Low Cost Dental Programs for Cancer Patients

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## BC Cancer Agency Dental Clinic

BCCA registered patients can have a no-charge dental consult (including x-rays) to evaluate a dental problem related to their cancer. When active treatment is required, this may be provided at a Centre but at usual-and-customary fees as determined by the College of Dentistry fee guide. In both Vancouver Centre and Fraser Valley Centre, we have the additional option of dental residents providing the care at a reduced fee.

## Dental Clinics

The following community dental programs provide dental treatments for free or at reduced cost for adults living with low income in BC. Call the programs for detailed information on program eligibility, hours of service and cost. Information is subject to change without notice please contact the service providers directly to verify.

### Fraser Valley

#### **Abbotsford Food Bank Dental Clinic**

33914 Essendene Avenue  
Abbotsford BC 604-859-5749 ext. 24

#### **Pacific Oral Health Centre**

300 - 15850 24 Avenue  
Surrey BC 604-536-2700

### Greater Vancouver

#### **Vancouver Native Health Society,**

#### **Eastside Walk-in Dental Clinic**

455 Hasting Street East  
Vancouver, BC 604-254-9900

#### **REACH Community Health Centre (Dental Clinic)**

501-1750 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Vancouver, BC 604-254-1331

#### **Mid Main Community Health Centre Dental Clinic**

3998 Main St & 24th,  
Vancouver, BC 604-873-3602

#### **Portland Community Clinic**

360 Columbia St. (Sunrise Hotel at corner of Hastings & Columbia)  
Vancouver, BC 778-371-0060

#### **Vancouver General Hospital Diamond Health Care Centre (Dental Clinic)**

2775 Laurel Street, 7th Floor,  
Vancouver, BC 604-875-4006

#### **Strathcona Community Dental Clinic**

601 Keefer St,  
Vancouver BC 604-713-4485

#### **UBC Dental School Clinic**

Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre  
2151 Wesbrook Mall  
Vancouver, BC 604-822-2112

### Interior BC

#### **Kelowna Gospel Mission Dental Clinic**

259-B Leon Avenue  
Kelowna, BC 1-800-789-0680

#### **New Life Community Dental Clinic**

181 West Victoria St.  
Kamloops, BC 778-471-5878

#### **Living Waters Dental Clinic**

Living Waters Church  
180 Lakeshore Drive NW  
Salmon Arm, BC 250-832-3433

**Vernon Community Dental Access Centre**

3107C 31 Avenue  
 Vernon, BC 778-475-7779

**West Kootenay Community TEETH Clinic**

24 - 518 Lake Street  
 Nelson, BC 250-352-6560

**Okanagan College Certified Dental Assistant**

**Clinic** (during Spring Clinic week)

Room H130, Health Building  
 1000 KLO Rd.  
 Kelowna, BC 250-862-5424

**Northern BC****Emergency Dental Outreach Clinic**

Prince George Native Friendship Centre  
 1600 Third Avenue,  
 Prince George, BC 250-613-7246

**Vancouver Island****Camosun College Dental Clinic –**

**Lansdowne**

3100 Foul Bay Rd.  
 Victoria, BC 250-370-3184

**Cool Aid Community Health  
Centre/Dental Clinic**

713 Johnson St., 2nd Floor,  
 Victoria, BC 250-383-5957

**Nanaimo Community Dental Clinic  
(CODE)**

489 Wallace Street,  
 Nanaimo, BC 250-591-0771

**Dental Hygiene & Dental Assistant Teaching Institutions**

During the school session, students provide dental hygiene and/or preventive services at a reduced cost. For a list of dental hygiene reduced cost clinics visit [www.bcdha.com/?page\\_id=519](http://www.bcdha.com/?page_id=519). For a list of dental assistant institutions visit [www.cdaa.ca/da-promotion/schools/#BC](http://www.cdaa.ca/da-promotion/schools/#BC) and contact the institution for more specific information.

**Low Cost Denture Options**

The following programs are available to help with the cost of dentures. Also contact local denturists and ask if they offer payment plans or a reduction in cost for people with low income.

**Prince George Council of Senior's – Denture Program**

Seniors Resource Centre  
 2721 Victoria Street  
 Prince George, BC  
 250-564-5888  
 Services: provides a grant towards the cost of dentures

**Vancouver Community College**

250 West Pender Street,  
 Vancouver, BC  
 604-443-8500  
 Services: Students make complete and partial dentures and do repairs and relines at reduced fees.

**UBC Dental Clinic (Vancouver)**

Visit [www.dentistry.ubc.ca/treatment/how-to-become-a-patient/prosthodontics/complete-dentures/](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/treatment/how-to-become-a-patient/prosthodontics/complete-dentures/) for more information.

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## Description of Services

<b><u>Fraser Valley</u></b>	
<b>Abbotsford Food Bank Dental Clinic</b>	Free basic dental coverage is available to Abbotsford residents who live in a low-income household and have little or no dental coverage. Apply in person with proof of household income. Household income consists of all adults living in home.
<b>Pacific Oral Health Centre (Surrey)</b>	Thirty percent reduction in fees. A Notice of Assessment is required for discounted rate. All dental plans and MSP clients accepted. Appointment required. No waiting list. Emergency pain relief and general dental services.
<b><u>Greater Vancouver</u></b>	
<b>REACH Community Health Centre</b>	Thirty percent reduction for individuals on income assistance. No reduction in lab fees. Schedule an appointment for an assessment. Services based on consult appointment. Care Card is required. Staffed by certified dentists and dental hygienists
<b>Mid Main Community Health Centre Dental Clinic (Vancouver)</b>	Available to all, no catchment area. Ten percent cost reduction for patients without dental insurance. People on Income Assistance/Hardship can receive pain relief dental services. Refugees, Persons with Disabilities and First Nations who are status receive services based on applicable government program coverage. Appointment required. Adults and children are welcome. First visit free for children under 3 years old. Do not offer payment plans.
<b>Portland Community Clinic (Eastside Vancouver)</b>	For downtown eastside Vancouver residents only (V6A or V6B postal codes) Offer discount to patients if they do not have insurance. Basic dental and emergency.
<b>Vancouver Native Health Society, Eastside Walk-in Dental Clinic</b>	Clinic provides pain relief for dental emergencies, with a main focus on: Aboriginal people with or without status coverage, welfare/income assistant coverage, PAROLE, IFHP program living in the any area of the lower mainland. We accept anyone that is outside of the previous criteria under donation bases, as for example: exam + x-ray \$25. Other donation amounts are based on the type of treatment performed. Patient's ID is mandatory: care card number, and/or status number, and/or refugee number/letter. We reserve the right to screen and accept any patient.
<b><u>Interior BC</u></b>	
<b>New Life Community (Kamloops)</b>	Dental care to adults living in Kamloops who, due to poverty, homelessness, addiction, or other circumstances, have limited/no other access to dental care. The priority of treatment is to provide relieve of pain, treat infection and establish a realistic and achievable treatment plan that accommodates unique life challenges.
<b>West Kootenay Community TEETH Clinic (Nelson)</b>	The clinic offers residents who do not have dental insurance, and have an annual income of less than \$30,000, a reduction of forty percent off dental procedures. The clinic is able to offer a limited number of payment plans. Duration of payments can be spread over a maximum of 3 months interest free. Minimum payment of \$25 due at first appointment. Bill must be paid in full before the next treatment can be scheduled. There is a no show and late cancellation fee of \$20.00 if less than 48 hours' notice is given that must be paid before another appointment will be booked.
<b>Okanagan College Certified Dental Assistant Clinic (Kelowna)</b>	The clinic is available during school session. Working under the personal supervision of a dentist, certified dental assistant students can provide many preventative services directly to patients. These include oral hygiene instruction, polishing of teeth, pit and fissure sealants and topical fluoride applications. At the Okanagan College Certified Dental Assistant's Patient Clinic, dentists, certified dental assisting students and instructors work together.
<b>Living Waters Dental Clinic (Salmon Arm)</b>	An appointment is required for routine dental work such as cleanings, fillings, extractions, root canals

<b>Vernon Community Dental Access Centre</b>	This is a reduced-cost non-profit charity dental centre. If you have provincial government dental coverage you will not be charged fees until coverage is used up. There is a \$10 registration fee per family per year. You must live in the North Okanagan and have proof of address and low-income (determined by filling out our financial assessment of family income). To register, go to the clinic during business hours. Bring your Notice of Assessment tax form and Personal Health Number on your card. There is a \$10 registration fee. If you qualify the Centre will call you to book the next available appointment. Let them know if you are in urgent need of care. The dentist will determine a treatment plan with priorities. You can also start a pre-payment plan if you do not have dental coverage.
<b><u>Northern BC</u></b>	
<b>Emergency Dental Outreach Clinic (Prince George)</b>	Clients will be seen on a first come, first served basis. Volunteer dental professionals staff the clinic. Predominantly, treatment involves the extraction of teeth. Services are provided free of charge, donations gratefully accepted. If patient has dental plan coverage, please provide information such as a Care Card number or Status Card number.
<b><u>Vancouver Island</u></b>	
<b>Nanaimo Community Dental Clinic (CODE)</b>	Staffed by volunteer dentists, dental assistants and hygienists. Accept patients on social/MSP Premium assistance, First Nations, referrals from social agencies and those on Fair PharmaCare with \$0 (zero) family deductible. Patients will be asked to cover costs of treatment by making a donation to the clinic. Drop-in or by appointment. Emergency pain relief. Examinations, x-rays, extractions, open and drain and antibiotics and basic restorative work and cleanings
<b>Camosun College Dental Clinic (Victoria)</b>	The clinic offers a single fee \$60 for adults. Dental care is given by hygiene and assisting students under supervision of licensed Program Faculty. Adult clients require 4-6 appointments lasting approximately 2.5 hours each. Dental hygiene treatment and dental examination is provided, x-rays if needed, fluoride application, dental sealants and dental hygiene instruction
<b>Cool Aid Community Health Centre/Dental Clinic (Victoria)</b>	Accepting Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation clients at this time only. Wheelchair accessible and full service office offering cleanings, extractions, fillings, x-rays, some crowns and root canals. Oral sedation is available. Dental emergencies are welcome

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