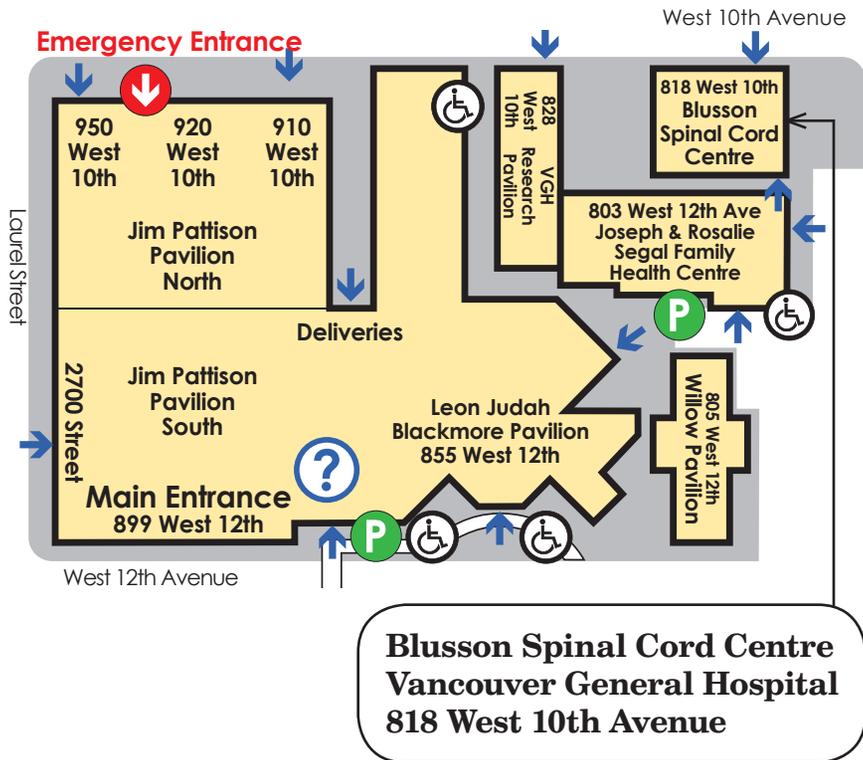


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Wound Care Program for People with Spinal Cord Injuries

Working in consultation with your
community care providers to improve
care for individuals with spinal cord
injury who develop pressure injuries.



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Who can come to the Wound Care Program for People with Spinal cord injuries?

- Any BC or Yukon resident with a pressure injury or wound who has a spinal cord injury.

How do I get an appointment?

- Your doctor, nurse clinician, nurse, Occupational therapist, Physiotherapist or any care staff can call the office (604-875-4992) to have a referral form faxed to them or help navigating them to the referral forms online.
- Once your referral has been reviewed the booking staff will call you to confirm an appointment date with you.

How long are appointments?

- The appointment takes anywhere from 30–60 minutes
- Please let staff know upon arrival if you come via Handydart or SN Transport and when is your pick up time

When and where are the clinics?

- The clinics run on Monday's, 1 to 2 times a month, and Wednesday, once a month.
- Blusson Spinal Cord Centre on the 2nd Floor.

Who will see me in the clinic?

- The wound care program has a team of a Plastic Surgeon, Physiatrist, wound clinician (NSWOC), occupational therapist, physiotherapist, dietitian and a licensed practical nurse.

What can the program do for me?

- The team approach of the program means that all aspects of your day-to-day living with spinal care issues are reviewed.
- The team can set up appointments, referrals, tests and tap into resources that may not be known in the community.

What does each team member provide?

Plastic Surgeon:

Assesses the wounds etiology, wound dimensions, general condition of skin and reviews the clients' history to determine whether they are candidate for a surgical closure of the wound(s).

Physiatrist:

They are a physician that is specialty trained in spinal cord injury and how your particular injury affects all your body systems. Pain, spasms, contractures, bowel and bladder issues, blood pressure issues, your physical alignment when in your chair, organ function and more.

Wound Clinician:

Nurse who has specialty training in wound care management who will create care plans that can be executed by your community nursing team.

Occupational therapist and Physiotherapist:

Together they will provide consultation for complex seating issues, decision making for equipment, problem solving the cause of pressure and education around weight shifting and positioning. They will also reach out to your community therapists to create a plan to improve any seating or surface issues.

Dietitian:

Will review your dietary habits and provide any nutritional tips that will aide in wound healing.