



Mission

Division of Family Practice

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This guide will show you how to WORK :: LIVE :: PLAY in Mission, British Columbia.

A little bit about Mission...

Surrounded by incredible beauty, the District of Mission is nestled on a southern coastal mountain slope, overlooking the lush valley of the Fraser River. This rapidly growing and dynamic centre is home to nearly 45,000 residents. Ideally situated, Mission is just a 15 minute drive from the US border, and approximately 70 kilometers east of the City of Vancouver.

Overlooking the lush valley of the mighty Fraser River, Mission (1892) was originally inhabited by the Stó:lō First Nations people. Surrounded by incredible mountainous vistas in a natural forest setting, our climate is warm in the summer and mild/wet in the winter. Mission enjoys an immense variation of hillsides and gullies which maintain natural neighbourhood enclosures, spectacular views, and a sense of permanence.

With its unique and colourful history, Mission is the site of Canada's first train robbery, first rail link to the United States, and a great escape from the city. The municipality has an open and welcoming attitude to its citizens, businesses, new residents, investors, and visitors alike.



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About the Mission Division of Family Practice

The Mission Division of Family Practice is a local non-profit society of community-based Primary Care Physicians. The Division gives the opportunity to work collaboratively not only with Doctors of BC, the GPSC, and the Ministry of Health, but also local municipalities and community agencies. Our goal is to enhance patient care and build a network of support for Family Physicians through education to create a health community.

Benefits of Membership

As a member, you will experience:

1. Access to general practice, residential care, hospitalist, and emergency room opportunities and preceptorships
2. An enhanced and supported professional community of Family Practitioners
3. Strong Physician networks
4. Dedicated Division Staff to enhance practice management
5. Ability to advocate for the needs of patients, for yourself, and your colleagues

Together, our members:

- Improve patient access to local Primary Care
- Increase local Physicians' influence on health care delivery and policy



The Mission Division of Family Practice identified the need and established a maternity clinic to serve the growing population. This indispensable service in Mission is looking to expand with the community. The Mission Maternity Clinic is co-located with the Primary Care Clinic at the Community Health Centre.

Primary Care Clinic

The Primary Care Clinic is designed to assist patients without a Family Physician experiencing low to moderate chronic conditions to receive comprehensive Primary Care. Our full service clinic sees a rotation of Mission Family Physicians who carve out time in their busy schedule to see these patients.



The Mission and Abbotsford Divisions of Family Practice are collaborating to collect key information on specialists, clinics, and hospitals within our two communities. The data entered into Pathways — a web-based information repository — is enhancing its functioning by incorporating e-referrals. The information maintained in Pathways includes Physician resources, patient resources, community resources, and allied health supports.

The Residence in Mission

The Residential Care Initiative provides and manages the care of unattached patients in this residential care facility. Care is provided by Division members to patients at The Residence in Mission (TRIM), a facility that opened in April 2014, which delivers residential care to seniors with complex care needs, dementia, and citizens with acquired brain injury.



1 The Cedars

Assisted Living for Seniors, owned and operated by the Mission Association for Seniors Housing (M.A.S.H.).

2 The Residence in Mission (T.R.I.M.)

Residential care home organized into 8 neighbourhoods. Site operated by Fraser Health.

3 Community Health Centre

The CHC is a 27,000 ft.² facility that homes a Primary Care Clinic, a Diabetes and Seniors' clinic, Public Health, Home Health, Mental Health, and Substance Use.

4 Emergency

Mission Memorial Hospital is a Physician-run community hospital. It provides primary acute care services including 24/7 emergency, outpatient and inpatient services, general medicine, and laboratory and diagnostic services.



Residential Care Program (RCP)

Developed to support the care of patients in residential care facilities. The aim of this internal initiative is the provision and management of Family Physicians to functionally unattached patients at residential care homes. Residential care is provided to seniors with complex care needs and dementia, and citizens with acquired brain injury at The Residence in Mission, T.R.I.M.

Hospital Privileges

Mission Memorial Hospital is GP-run and all Mission GPs are able to have hospital privileges.

Hospitalist Program

Rotating schedule of GPs providing inpatient care for unattached patients.

ER Physicians

Rotation of interested Mission GPs.

Mission Friendship Centre

A non-profit organization that focuses on helping to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people and families who are making a transition to the urban community. The central and suitable facility provides counselling, support, and referral services.



FETCH Mission

For Everything That's Community Health is a web-based program for use by Mission residents and Physicians to easily locate available services and programs.

UBC Residency Program

Abbotsford Regional Hospital (ARH) incorporated the UBC Residency Program in 2010. To date, there have been approximately 49 Residents in the Mission Program. The Mission Division works in partnership with the Residency Program to ensure Residents are supported and involved in the educational and social events organized for its members.

MY House

Mission Youth House (MY House) is a collaborative initiative that originated from the Mission Homeless Youth Committee, comprised of representatives from government, non profit, volunteer, and church representatives. Its goal was to find a solution to the growing homeless youth issue in Mission. MY House is the result of the efforts of this committee.

Local Hospitals

Abbotsford Regional Hospital & Cancer Centre

ARHCC, opened in 2018, is a 60,000 square meter, state-of-the-art Tertiary Care Facility with over 300 beds. It offers general surgery, nuclear medicine, renal dialysis, specialized obstetrics and nursery care, pediatric services, CCU, and much more. ARH is operated by Fraser Health and the regional cancer facility is operated by the BC Cancer Agency.

Mission Memorial Hospital

Mission Memorial Hospital consists of a 25-bed medical inpatient unit and a 20-bed PATH unit (Patient Assessment and Transition Home), as well as 10-bed Christine Morrison Hospice. Also provided are primary acute care services, outpatient and inpatient services, general medicine, laboratory, and diagnostic services.

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Located along the north shore of the Fraser River in BC's prosperous Lower Mainland, our community is primed and ready for investment. Mission is defined by its spectacular natural beauty, affordable land, diverse workforce, and accessibility to major highways, border crossings, and airports.

It continues to be one of the fastest-growing communities in the province, with a variety of affordable real estate options, including single family homes, condominiums, and acreage.

School options include School District 73, International Student Program, Valley Christian School, L'École des Deux-Rives, Khalsa School, and M.E.I. School.

Within proximity of Mission, post secondary options include The University of the Fraser Valley (UFV), Riverside College, Columbia Bible College, Sprott Shaw College, and Vancouver Career College.

The University of the Fraser Valley is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls approximately 15,000 students per year. UFV offers more than 100 programs, including two master's degrees, 19 bachelor degrees, majors, minors, and extended minors in more than 30 subject areas, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs.



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Mission residents have access to global transportation via Abbotsford International Airport, two border crossings, and the Trans Canada Corridor just 15 minutes away. The City of Vancouver is situated only 70 kilometres east, easily reached by the West Coast Express, a commuter rail service operating during peak morning and evening periods. Bus transit and taxis are standard amenities.

Mission is rich in parkland, biking and hiking trails, golf courses, and has close access to numerous ski areas. Explore the many BC Hydro hiking trails, Cascade Falls, sports fishing, Westminster Abbey, Fraser River Heritage Park, or the Powerhouse at Stave Falls. Lakes in the area provide a great place to relax and include Hayward, Stave, Rolley, and Davis Lakes.

Our diverse community uses any excuse to celebrate through festivals, gathering places, or local stores. Distinct eateries, bars, and theatres often include local entertainment, enticing visitors to come for a day trip or to call this place home. Shopping and restaurant options are as diverse as the beautiful surroundings of Mission. Shopping areas include the Downtown and Lougheed corridors, the Junction, Heritage Park Marketplace, and Farmers and Christmas markets. Restaurants are equally varied with established and loved chains such as Brown's Social House, to fabulous eateries like the Blackberry Kitchen. Other cuisines include Japanese, Thai, Chinese, Indian, Italian, Lebanese, Mexican, and Greek.



COMMUNITY LIFE

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Mission offers a variety of activities and attractions for all ages. The community has an active Leisure Centre with pool, hot tub, steam room, and hockey arena. The Clarke Theatre, a multi purpose facility for civic and touring events, has hosted hundreds of presentations of both Canadian and international talent. The annual Folk Music Festival, which takes place every July, is not to be missed.

Mission Raceway Park is one British Columbia's premier motorsports facilities, featuring a ¼ mile NHTA sanctioned dragstrip, a 2km 9-turn road course, and a 3km motocross track.

Mission is host to many family-friendly community events such as Canada Day Celebrations at Heritage Park, Folk Festival, and the Mission Candlelight Parade on the first Friday of every December.



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Mission is an ideal location and gateway to discover Supernatural British Columbia. Just an hour west is vibrant Vancouver, while an hour east takes you to camping and lake-time opportunities at Harrison and Cultus Lakes. A fun day can be spent exploring Fort Langley, Kilby Park, Burnaby Village, and more.

World-renowned ski areas include Whistler Blackcomb, Cypress and Grouse Mountain, and Mount Baker, with Sasquatch Mountain Resort and Manning Park closer in proximity.



Many thanks to the local artist and carver, Peter Gong, who created this symbol to represent the Healing Hands of Mission.



LEARN MORE



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