CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES

Who we are:
• Clinical and public health experts
• Deliver health promotion, prevention, treatment, and education services
• Program areas include tuberculosis (TB), sexually transmitted infections (STI), HIV, hepatitis B & C, and epidemiology & surveillance

We aim to:
• Provide culturally relevant, client-centric care
• Actively work towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples
• Engage communities within our work, focusing on strengths, resiliency, and health equity
• Develop and scale-up innovative practices
• Inform through surveillance, epidemiology, and research
• Integrate our programs & services across disease areas, recognizing their linkages and overlap

Our stakeholders:
• The populations most affected by these diseases, experiencing health inequities, and disadvantaged by adverse social and structural factors
• We are a provincial resource, supporting and partnering with Ministry of Health, Health Authorities, federal agencies, clinical and public health practitioners, community organizations, and the public

What we do:

Epidemiology & Surveillance
• Develop integrated surveillance systems across STI, HIV, TB, and hepatitis B & C
• Develop and report on indicators for provincial strategies
• Provide timely access to surveillance data and quarterly reports
• Conduct enhanced analyses of surveillance and testing data

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STI/HIV Services
• Integrated STI, HIV, and HCV care with 30,000 points of service per year, providing low barrier services for core populations
• STI/HIV prevention, including providing HIV PrEP and research on new interventions
• Coordinate centralized syphilis follow-up, and provide STI consulting services
• Provide teaching for nurses, medical residents, and fellows
• Develop provincial guidelines and decision support tools for nursing practice

Digital Public Health Services
• Design, develop, implement, and evaluate innovative digital public health services
• Support digital public health efforts of Clinical Prevention Services programs
• Operate SmartSexResource.com and offer comprehensive STI, HIV, and HCV testing through GetCheckedOnline.com

Research Program
• Support researchers and develop research capacity in Clinical Prevention Services programs
• Funded through research funds

TB Services
• Provide consulting services for TB, including support for First Nations Health Authority and Yukon
• Manage majority of active TB cases in BC
• Coordinate case management of drug-resistant TB and complex pediatric cases
• Provide ~25,000 points of service in Lower Mainland, and ~800 TB clinic visits a month
• Offer testing, diagnosis, and treatment to marginalized individuals exposed to TB in urban and rural/remote areas
• Lead implementation of the TB Strategic Plan
• Incorporate digital solutions into TB care
• Develop and maintain provincial guidelines and decision support tools for nursing practice

Hepatitis Services
• Operate Hepatitis Education Canada with resources for patients and providers
• Develop public health guidelines for hepatitis B & C, and knowledge products
• Generate evidence to inform policies and programming through the BC Hepatitis Testers Cohort

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