

Your clinic has a Primary Care Registered Nurse!

What are Primary Care Registered Nurses?

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) provide a Primary Care Registered Nurse to your Family Practice Clinic to deliver nursing care as part of a team of Healthcare Providers.

A Primary Care Registered Nurse can screen, assess and help manage your health care needs, including your physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs.

Primary Care Registered Nurses serve individuals of all ages and form long term, continuous relationships with patients and families.

Family Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, and other Healthcare Providers are working with Primary Care Registered Nurses to support your care



How can the Primary Care Registered Nurse support you?

- They may **connect or refer** you to other professionals, services and support in your community.
- They may provide **health education** and help you to **navigate the healthcare system**.
- They may perform **routine immunizations**.
- They may provide **prenatal or post-partum** support, as well as newborn assessments.
- They may support with **chronic disease management** (including diabetes, asthma, heart disease, high blood pressure, etc.).

What does this mean for your care?

Depending on the reason for your visit, you may see a Registered Nurse and your Family Physician or Nurse Practitioner, or another member of the healthcare team.

There may also be times when you only see the Registered Nurse. To care for you, Registered Nurses will access your chart, just like other team members in our clinic.

A Primary Care Registered Nurse can spend more time in your appointment and **may enable you to be seen more quickly for mild to moderate care needs**.