



ACCESSING GENDER-AFFIRMING SURGERY for BC residents

What steps do I take to get gender-affirming SURGERY?

Depending on the procedure, gender-affirming surgeries may require

one or two surgical readiness assessments.

These assessments ensure that you are prepared for surgery and will have the best possible result.

Assessments are done by qualified assessors to confirm that you meet the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care criteria for surgery.



SINGLE ASSESSMENT

One assessment is typically needed to access chest or breast surgery.

For hysterectomy/bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy and orchiectomy, 1 or 2 assessments may be needed depending on the requirements of the surgeon.



DOUBLE ASSESSMENT

Two assessments are needed to access the following surgeries: vaginoplasty, phalloplasty, and metoidioplasty.

Who is a qualified assessor?

Health care providers who have experience working with trans clients and have training to do surgical readiness assessments are considered qualified.

If your doctor or nurse practitioner (primary health care provider) is new to working with trans clients and has not previously completed assessments for gender-affirming surgeries, they can contact Trans Care BC.

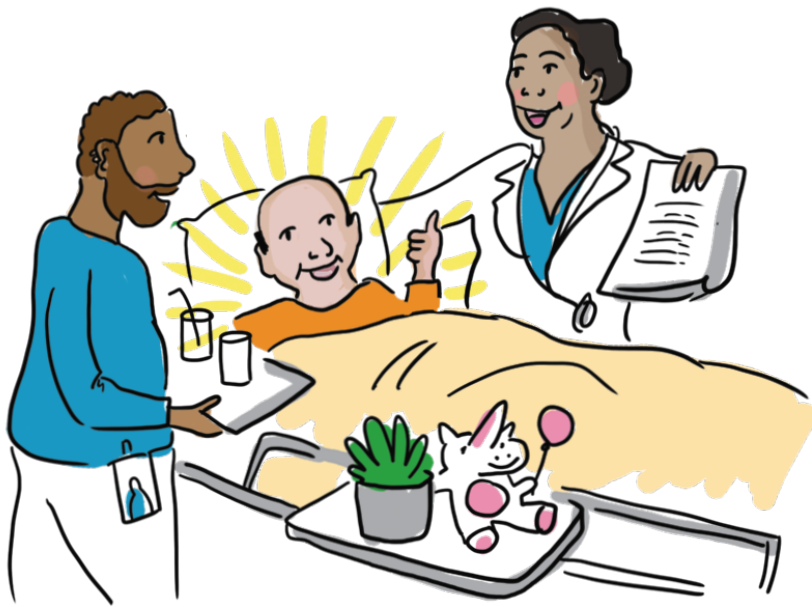
The Trans Care BC care coordination team will work closely with your health care provider to help coordinate your assessment appointment(s).

If your health care provider would like to learn more about training opportunities, they can contact us.

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SINGLE ASSESSMENT

- STEP 1** Your doctor or nurse practitioner (primary care provider) refers you for a surgical readiness assessment or completes the assessment with you, if they are a qualified assessor.
- STEP 2** Your primary care provider sends your completed assessment and relevant medical information to a BC surgeon.
- STEP 3** The surgeon's office will contact you (or your provider) to book a consult appointment. Depending on the type of surgery, and the surgeon, the wait time will vary for the consultation and surgery.



DOUBLE ASSESSMENT

- STEP 1** Your doctor or nurse practitioner (primary care provider) refers you for a surgical readiness assessment or completes the assessment with you, if they are a qualified assessor.
- STEP 2** Your primary care provider supports you to get a second assessment. They can work with another qualified assessor or contact Trans Care BC to coordinate the appointment(s) for you.
- STEP 3** Your primary care provider sends both completed assessments to the surgeon's office. Genital reconstruction procedures are done in Quebec or, in selected cases, out-of-country. Contact the Trans Care BC care coordination team for more details.
- STEP 4** The surgeon's office will contact you (or your provider) to book a consult appointment. Depending on the type of surgery, and the surgeon, the wait time will vary for the consultation and surgery.



CONTACT US

If you or your health care provider have any questions, call us toll-free

1-866-999-1514

or use our online contact form at

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Our goal is to help you reach your gender-affirming goals