

# CAMEO

Complementary Medicine Education & Outcomes Program

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### Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) & Cancer Resources in British Columbia

## Find a CAM practitioner

In BC, regulatory colleges exist for Traditional Chinese medicine & Acupuncture, Chiropractic medicine, Massage therapy, and Naturopathic medicine. The colleges' contact information can be found at: [www.health.gov.bc.ca/leg](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/leg)

## CAM Associations & Societies in British Columbia

The following is a list of CAM associations or societies in BC. *Inclusion on these pages is for reference only and does not imply endorsement (therapies or members) by CAMEO or the BCCA.*

<b>AROMATHERAPY</b>	Canadian Federation of Aromatherapists <a href="http://www.cfacanada.com">www.cfacanada.com</a>
<b>ART THERAPY</b>	Canadian Art Therapy Association <a href="http://www.canadianarttherapy.org">www.canadianarttherapy.org</a>
<b>CHIROPRACTIC</b>	Canadian Chiropractic Association <a href="http://www.chiropracticcanada.ca">www.chiropracticcanada.ca</a>
<b>HEALING TOUCH</b>	Healing Touch Canada <a href="http://www.healingtouchcanada.net">www.healingtouchcanada.net</a>
<b>HERBALISTS &amp; NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCTS</b>	The Canadian Herbalist's Association of BC <a href="http://www.chaofbc.ca">www.chaofbc.ca</a>



<b>MASSAGE THERAPY</b>	Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia <a href="http://www.massagetherapy.bc.ca">www.massagetherapy.bc.ca</a>
<b>MINDFULNESS-BASED STRESS REDUCTION FACILITATORS</b>	MBSR BC <a href="http://www.mbsrbc.ca">www.mbsrbc.ca</a>
<b>MUSIC THERAPY</b>	Canadian Association for Music Therapy <a href="http://www.musictherapy.ca">www.musictherapy.ca</a>
<b>NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE</b>	Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors <a href="http://www.naturopathicassoc.ca">www.naturopathicassoc.ca</a>
<b>REFLEXOLOGY</b>	Reflexology Association of Canada <a href="http://www.reflexolog.org">www.reflexolog.org</a>
<b>REIKI</b>	Canadian Reiki Association <a href="http://www.reiki.ca">www.reiki.ca</a>
<b>SHIATSU</b>	Shiatsu Therapy Association of British Columbia <a href="http://www.shiatsutherapy.ca">www.shiatsutherapy.ca</a>
<b>THERAPEUTIC TOUCH</b>	British Columbia Therapeutic Touch Network Society <a href="http://www.bctherapeutictouch.com">www.bctherapeutictouch.com</a>

The BC Cancer Agency offers Therapeutic Touch. Patients can ask their physician/nurse to make a request or call 604 877 6000 local 672192

<b>TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE</b>	British Columbia Qualified Acupuncturists and Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Association <a href="http://www.qatcma.org">www.qatcma.org</a>
<b>YOGA</b>	Canadian Yoga Alliance <a href="http://www.canadianyogicalliance.com">www.canadianyogicalliance.com</a>
<b>MULTI-THERAPY ORGANIZATIONS</b>	Natural Health Practitioners of Canada <a href="http://www.nhpcanada.org">www.nhpcanada.org</a>

## Paying for CAM Services

The BC MSP may cover a portion of some CAM services for **individuals on the Premium Assistance Program**. Currently, MSP will pay \$23 per visit for a combined annual limit of 10 visits each calendar year for the following services:

- Acupuncture
- Massage therapy
- Chiropractic care
- Naturopathic medicine

Costs above this amount are the responsibility of the individuals receiving care. To find out if you qualify for MSP Premium Assistance Program visit:

[www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/benefits.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/benefits.html)

Currently, there is no coverage for natural health products through the Pharmacare or Fair Pharmacare programs.

# CAM Information and Support at Cancer Centres

## BC CANCER AGENCY

### CAM information and support services provided:

#### *Library Resource Centres :*

- **Vancouver:** 604 675 8001 / Toll free: 1-888 675 8001 extension 678001 library@bccancer.bc.ca
- **Surrey :** 604 930 2098 / Toll free: 1-800 523 2885 extension 65 4576 library\_fvc@bccancer.bc.ca
- **Abbotsford:** 604 851 4710 / Toll free: 1-877 547 3777 extension 646825 library\_ac@bccancer.bc.ca
- **Victoria :** 250 519 5500 / Toll free: 1-800 670 3322 extension 695517 library\_vic@bccancer.bc.ca
- **Kelowna:** 250 712 3900 / Toll free: 1-888 563 7773 extension 686821 library\_csi@bccancer.bc.ca

If you live outside these urban centres, contact the Vancouver library for mail delivery.

Materials may be borrowed by anyone in BC or the Yukon by using the online catalogue order service: <http://bccca.andornot.com>

#### *Oncology Nutrition Services*

- **Abbotsford**  
604 851 4733 / Toll-free: 1-877 547 3777 extension 644733
- **Kelowna**  
250 712 3963 / Toll-free 1-888 563 7773 extension 683963
- **Fraser Valley (Surrey)**  
604 930 4000 / Toll-free 1-800 523 2885 extension 654000
- **Vancouver**  
604 877 6000 / Toll-free 1-800 663 3333 extension 672013
- **Victoria**  
250 519 5525 / Toll-free 1-800 670 3322 extension 695525
- **Center of the North**  
250 645 7300 / Toll-free 1-855 775 7300

Registered dietitians with oncology experience can also be reached through HealthLinkBC at **1-800 667 3438** or “**811**”.

You can also find information on the website:

[www.healthlinkbc.ca/dietitian](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/dietitian)

#### *Drug Information Pharmacist*

Please contact your local BCCA Pharmacy Department or the Provincial Drug Information Line.

#### BCCA Pharmacy Departments

- **Vancouver:** 604 877 6135
- **Surrey :** 604 930 4002
- **Abbotsford :** 604 851 4709
- **Victoria :** 250 519 5510
- **Kelowna :** 250 712 3952
- **Prince George :** 250 645 7306

The Provincial Drug Information Telephone Line (BC, YT):

**604 877 6275** or **1-800 663 3333**, extension **676275**

Or e-mail your questions to: [druginfo@bccancer.bc.ca](mailto:druginfo@bccancer.bc.ca)

#### *Information on Exercising*

The Physical Activity Line offers a phone line service to BC residents. Speak to a qualified exercise professional by phone at:

**Toll Free 1-877 725 1149**

## Patient and Family Counseling and Cancer Centers

To find out which support programs are available in your region, visit the website at:

[www.bccancer.bc.ca/PPI/copingwithcancer/emotional/supportprograms](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/PPI/copingwithcancer/emotional/supportprograms)

You can also contact the Patient and Family Counseling Services at your cancer centre, below.

- **Vancouver** : 604 877 6000 / Toll free: 1-800 663 3333 extension 672194
- **Surrey** : 604 930 4000 / Toll free: 1-800 523 2885
- **Abbotsford** : 604 851 4733 / Toll free: 1-877 547 3777 extension 644733
- **Victoria** : 250 519 5525 / Toll free: 1-800 670 3322
- **Kelowna** : 250 712 3900/ Toll free: 1-888 563 7773 extension 68-3963
- **Prince George** : 250 645 7330 / Toll free : 1-855 775 7300 extension 687515

## Canadian Cancer Society

The Canadian Cancer Society has a BC & Yukon Division. They also have community and regional representatives to serve you in communities across British Columbia.

Find a representative in your area:

Phone: **604 872 4400** / Toll-free : **1-800 663 2524**

Website: [www.cancer.ca/en/?region=bc](http://www.cancer.ca/en/?region=bc)

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