

9. Travel

1-800-661-2668

- travel costs & ferry costs may be assisted through extended health benefit plans or the Canadian Cancer Society

10. Red Cross Loan Cupboard

250-334-1142

420 Cumberland Road (Rm 11)

Courtenay, B.C. V9N 2C4

Mon & Tues: 9:30am - 10:30am

Mon - Fri: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

- 90 day loan of equipment
- wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, bath seats etc.
- no referral necessary

11. Wigs/Hats/Head Coverings

- available on loan through Canadian Cancer Society
- available from B.C. Cancer Agency
- available from Cancer Care Unit, St. Joseph's General Hospital
- prescription from doctor required
- may be covered through extended health benefits plan
- may be claimed as a deduction on your income tax form

12. Handi Dart

250-339-5442

Mon - Fri: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Sat: 10:00am - 4:00pm

- transportation for those unable to use public transit in Comox, Courtenay, and Cumberland
- fees:
 - one way: \$1.75
 - 5 trips: \$8.75
 - monthly pass: \$63.00

13. Financial Assistance

- medical Employment Insurance
- Ministry of Human Resources
- Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)
- Department of Veteran Affairs
- Department of Indian Affairs
- Compassionate Leave (E. I. benefit)
 - for those who must take time off work to care for a gravely ill child, spouse, or parent
 - eligible workers are entitled to a 6 week leave (with pay)

www.hsdcg.ca/asp/compassionate_leave

14. Supplies & Prosthetics (Rexal)

250-334-2481

1604 Cliffe Avenue

Courtenay, B.C.

- B.C. Hospice Palliative Care (hospicebc.org)
- Griefworks BC www.griefworksbc.com
- www.virtualhospice.ca
- www.Dyingwell.org



Oncology Resources

Mission Statement

A multidisciplinary team to provide the highest quality of care, closer to home, for patients and their families living with cancer. To provide a compassionate environment, always acknowledging their dignity as physical, psychological and spiritual beings.

St. Joseph's General Hospital
Cancer Care Unit
2137 Comox Avenue
Comox, B.C. V9M 1P2
Phone: 250-339-1466
Fax: 250-890-3001

The following resources are available in the Comox Valley to assist individuals and their families living with cancer.

1. St. Joseph's General Hospital

250-339-2242 or
Cancer Care Unit 250-339-1466
2137 Comox Avenue
Comox, B.C. V9M 1P2

- emergency care
- oncology resources and care
- cancer care / chemotherapy
- outpatient pharmacy
- palliative care
- symptom control management
- pastoral/emotional support
- palliative home care
- nutritional counseling
- physio/occupational therapy
- medical/surgical outreach nurse
- healing touch
- managing your cancer pain
(information sessions)

St. Joseph's General Hospital Pharmacy Dept.

250-339-1481
2137 Comox Avenue
Comox, B.C. V9M 1P2
Mon - Sun: 8:00am - 4:00pm

2. Cancer Connection Line

1-888-939-3333 Vancouver
"Support is just a phone call away"

3. B.C. Cancer Agency

1-800-670-3322 Victoria
www.bccancer.bc.ca

- resources
- symptom management
- types of cancer
- treatment options
- unconventional therapies

4. Canadian Cancer Society

250-338-5454
#102-1509 Cliffe Avenue
Courtenay, B.C.

www.cancer.ca

Mon - Fri: 10am - 4pm

- information
 - emergency financial aid
 - volunteer drivers
 - bus transportation
 - support groups
 - breast/prostate/ovarian cancer
lymphoma/leukemia
 - patient services program
 - accommodations
- Vancouver Island Lodge 250-592-2662;
Vancouver Lodge 604-879-9131

5. C.V. Hospice Society

250-339-5533
2137 Comox Avenue
Comox, B.C. V9M 1P2

- emotional & spiritual support
- palliative care program
- equipment & bed loan program

6. Home & Community Care

250-898-2255
941A England Avenue
Courtenay, B.C.

Mon - Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm

- palliative care
- physio/occupational therapy
- respite services
- meals on wheels
- home support care

7. Nursing Centre

250-338-1711
961 England Avenue

Courtenay, B.C. V9N 2N7

Mon - Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm

- information about health services
- library
- referrals to health care resources
- chronic disease information
- support groups
 - chronic pain
 - therapeutic swim program
 - seizure disorder
 - life-threatening illness
 - therapeutic relaxation
 - eating disorders
 - seizures disorders

8. Healing Touch Therapy

250-338-8559
www.healingtouchcanada.net