

All new patients seen are provided with a copy of this letter upon arrival to the clinic



Dear Patient/Family:

Welcome to the BC Inherited Arrhythmia Program. As you may know, we are a health care program that coordinates the care of patients and their families who have an unexplained cardiac arrest, are suspected to have an inherited heart rhythm condition or have a family history of sudden unexpected death. Arriving at a diagnosis and a treatment plan (if necessary) for you and your family is very important, but can sometimes be challenging. For this reason, we work as a team, with health care providers from cardiology, medical genetics and research. Below, you'll find an outline of your appointment, including all the team members that you will meet, and their roles within the program.

*BCIAP Team Member	Role
<u>Booking Clerk</u>	Registration
<u>ECG/Cardiology Technician</u>	Performs electrocardiograms (ECG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All patients undergo at least one ECG prior to meeting with the team
<u>Genetic Counsellor</u>	Provides genetic counselling; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of family history Information about the condition and how it is passed on in families Genetic testing options (if it applies)
<u>Heart Rhythm Specialist</u> (specialized cardiologist)	Reviews your medical history and the results of your heart tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains what these mean for you and your family Provides information about the inherited heart rhythm condition As needed, discusses treatment options and follow up plan
<u>Inherited Heart Rhythm Research Team</u>	Invites all patients and families to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enroll in registries Provide a blood sample for biobanking Participation is voluntary

* It's possible that you will meet team members in an order that is different than what is outlined above.

There may also be a medical resident working with the team.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you have feedback about your appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Coordinator Julie Hathaway at 604-682-2344 ext. 66766 or by email: julie.hathaway@vch.ca