

## Joint Heart + Lung Rounds

## The Pacific Adult Congenital Heart (PACH) Clinic



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St. Paul's Hospital, New Lecture Theatre, Level 1 Providence Building with videolink to Vancouver General Hospital, Paetzold HEC Auditorium,

Jim Pattison Pavilion

Abstract: The Pacific Adult Congenital Heart (PACH) Clinic is a unique provincial resource that serves adults with congenital heart disease (ACHD). One in 125 children is born with congenital heart disease (CHD) and, until quite recently, most patients died in infancy or childhood. New surgical techniques, interventional cardiology and better medical therapy have been so successful that now over 85% of patients with CHD reach adulthood. For the first time, the number of adults with CHD equals the number of children with the disorder. These patients are mostly palliated and have complex medical and psychosocial needs that are best served by a multidisciplinary team.

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