

Exercise Rehabilitation Programs have been shown to improve:

- ♥ Fitness & Flexibility
- ♥ Resting & Active Heart Rates
- ♥ Blood Pressure Levels
- ♥ Cholesterol & Triglyceride Levels
- ♥ Blood Sugar Levels
- ♥ Weight and Body Composition
- ♥ Quality & Enjoyment of Life & Reduce Hospitalization
- ♥ Stress Tolerance
- ♥ Work Readiness

Learn to improve your fitness and enjoy life more through:

- ♥ Individualized Exercise Prescription
- ♥ Supervised Exercise
- ♥ Fun Group Sessions

Learn to exercise and monitor your own progress. Increase your confidence by working with our staff who are trained as exercise specialists. Attend one of our exercise programs to help you get on with your healthy life.



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The Take Heart and Breathe Well Program gratefully acknowledges the support of the First Open Heart Society of BC

Donations accepted for Take Heart & Breathe Well directly at: www.saanichlegacy.ca



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A Supervised Exercise Program in Your Community for People with Cardiac, Pulmonary or Chronic Conditions (COVID-19 version)

Is This Program For Me?

This program is of benefit to people who have had a heart event, who have risk factors, or chronic conditions such as:

- ♥ High blood pressure
- ♥ Abnormal cholesterol
- ♥ Overweight
- ♥ Diabetes
- ♥ Smoking history
- ♥ Inactivity
- ♥ Stress
- ♥ Depression
- ♥ Lung (e.g. COPD, Asthma, Bronchitis)
- ♥ Kidney Disease
- ♥ Osteoporosis

*"Exercise is the best medicine. Regular physical activity improves your heart health as well as your **overall** health. These programs are excellent ways to improve your self-confidence to be active for life!"*

~ Dr. Elizabeth Swiggum, Cardiologist

Program Description:

This supervised exercise program includes an individual assessment & exercise prescription, aerobic & strength training, and informal risk factor information. Participants are encouraged to do additional exercises on their own. The goal is to help build confidence with activity and to learn safe exercise limits. Program duration, cost, and structure (in person or virtually) varies depending on program site location and patient need.

Cost: Cost is variable, depending on program location and structure.

How Do I Start?

You need a referral or approval by a doctor to attend. Contact one of the programs to help you start. NOTE: a medical assessment by a physician will help us to develop your individualized exercise program.

Community Locations: *Program locations are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions/ facility closures.* Physician approval required. Call for more information.

South Island:

- ♥ **Henderson Recreation Centre**
2291 Cedar Hill X Rd., Victoria
P: **250-370-7200**; Fax: 250-595-7607
- ♥ **Saanich Commonwealth Place**
4636 Elk Lake Dr., Victoria
P: **250-475-7619**; Fax: 250-727-2649

Central Island:

- ♥ All centers are currently closed

North Island:

- ♥ **Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex**
225 South Dogwood St, Campbell River
P: **250-830-6777**; Fax: 250-830-6778

Hospital Location: Physician Referral Required. For people requiring complex support /care. Only one location.

- ♥ **Royal Jubilee Hospital**
1952 Bay St., Victoria
P: **250-519-1601**; Fax: 250-370-8267

Maintenance Programs

Continue to maintain your healthy lifestyle in twice weekly group exercise sessions. The Maintenance Program is for graduates of the *Take Heart & Breathe Well* program or another recognized cardiac or respiratory rehab exercise program. Registration is monthly. Contact the community recreation centers listed for more information.

These programs are recognized and recommended by physicians and follow the guidelines of the **Canadian Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation, American Association of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation**, as well as the **American College of Sports Medicine** which is recognized world wide as being the "gold standard" in heart / lung exercise rehabilitation.