

# Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) Clinic



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Patient Information • Minor Stroke Assessment Clinic, Kelowna

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## What a referral to the TIA/Minor Stroke Assessment Clinic means

- You are safe to go home but it has been recommended that you are seen by a stroke specialist to reduce your risk of having a stroke
- The TIA clinic will contact you to book an appointment.
- Do not go to the Emergency Department unless you are experiencing recurrent symptoms

**If you have not been contacted by the clinic within 72 hours, call 250-980-1392**

## What to expect during your visit

- You will be at the clinic for 2 to 4 hours
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing as additional diagnostic testing may be ordered
- Additional testing will be arranged by the clinic
- Pay parking is available behind the Dr. Walter Anderson Building for \$1.50 per hour (please bring current change or credit card)
- We are a scent-free building

## Transportation

- Patients who may have experienced minor stroke/TIA are not allowed to drive
- You will need to arrange for reliable transportation to and from the clinic

## What to bring

- Bring all medications and new prescriptions

## Definition of a TIA

A TIA is a **Transient Ischemic Attack** (warning stroke).

A TIA occurs when the blood flow to a part of the brain is temporarily blocked but then improves. Early assessment is key to reducing the risk for further strokes.

## Signs of a stroke

The symptoms of TIA and stroke happen suddenly. Common symptoms include:

- Weakness, numbness, or paralysis of the face, arm, or leg (especially one side of the body)
- Difficulty speaking or understanding speech
- Sudden loss of vision in one eye
- Sudden dizziness and inability to walk
- There is usually no pain

**If you experience any recurrent symptoms or any of the above symptoms, call 9-1-1 or go to the emergency department immediately.**

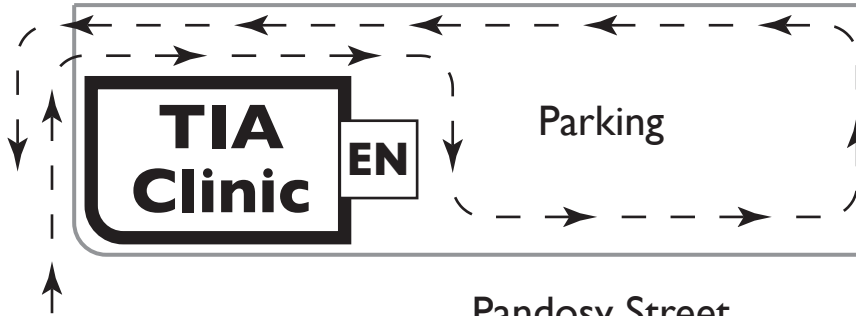
Healthlink BC	Nurse	24 hours a day	Daily	<i>Call 8-1-1 to speak with a nurse, ask a dietitian about nutrition, or a pharmacist about your medication.</i>
<b>Call 8-1-1</b>	Dietitian	9 am–5 pm	Mon–Fri	
	Pharmacist	5 pm–9 am	Daily	
	Hearing Impaired	Call 7-1-1		
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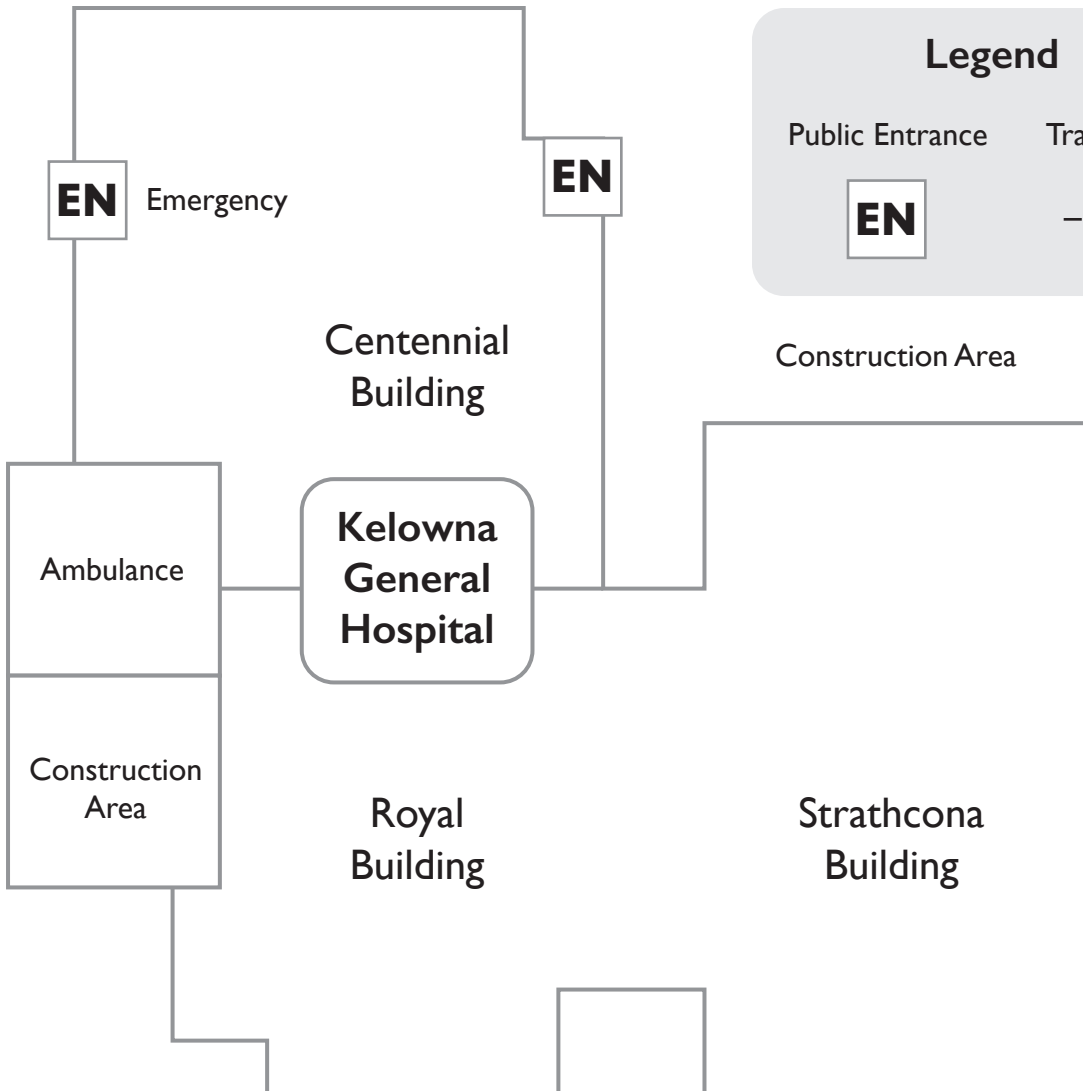
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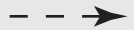
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