



# The Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health

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## Welcome



This first project update provides a forum for keeping you informed of recent developments that are specific to the clinical services in the Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health (DMCBH). The facility is set to open in the winter of 2013.

The DMCBH is a partnership between The University of British Columbia, the Brain Research Centre, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and the VCH Research Institute. It will unite patient clinics and research in the areas of neuroscience, neurology, and psychiatry to transform the discipline of brain health. For the first time under one roof, all the multidisciplinary areas of brain health will be brought together.

## One centre, one experience

Our vision for the facility is to create a centre of excellence focused on translational research and patient-centred care aimed at understanding the causes, prevention and treating the consequences of brain dysfunction.

Reflecting the DMCBH guiding principles, the building's design will facilitate the integration of clinical care and research. This approach will create new opportunities for clinicians and researchers to share ideas and accelerate the process of translating research into patient care. And, it will provide patients — some of whom are also research participants — a seamless, consistent experience.

## Current developments

To date, the following clinics are confirmed to move into the new building:

- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Clinic (Alzheimer's Disease)
- Centre for Huntington's Disease
- Mood Disorders Centre
- Movement Disorders Clinic (Parkinson's Disease)
- Multiple Sclerosis Clinic
- Research Clinical Trials

Kick-off planning meetings begin the week of March 15, 2013, with the clinic users. Smaller task group meetings with representatives from each clinic will be organized as required to prepare for the transition and move to the new space.

Drywall is being installed, so the clinic levels are starting to take shape.



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## Getting ready to move

We have a move consultant who will set up and coordinate the move schedule for relocating work space and labs.

Please start thinking about your move and begin discarding things that you will not need in the new space.

## Frequently asked questions

<b>Q</b>	<b>When will we be moving in?</b>
<b>A</b>	At this time we're targeting completion of the building in late October/early November, with the potential for moves in late November through early December. The move-in will be phased and we'll work with clinical services in regards to timelines and minimizing any impact for patients.

<b>Q</b>	<b>How was the building named?</b>
<b>A</b>	In honour of his generosity, the centre is named for Vancouver philanthropist Djavad Mowafaghian, whose foundation donated \$15 million for the project. "It is my hope that this facility will help lay the foundation for future discoveries in brain health and making a difference in the lives of the children of British Columbia and beyond," said Mowafaghian, whose decision to support the project became more personally meaningful after he suffered a stroke in April 2010.

<b>Q</b>	<b>How will patients access the building, parking and drop-off zones?</b>
<b>A</b>	There will be a drop-off space located in front of the DMCBH. If patients require parking, they may use the Health Sciences Parkade, which is accessible through the Health Sciences Mall. Limited parking is available at the Acute Care Unit Patient Parking Lot.

## Questions?

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