

## Insite by the numbers

### Usage

- 750 - 800 visits per day
- 257,575 visits per year
- Average of 11 visits per month, per person
- More than 10,000 unique individuals registered at Insite to date

### Harm reduction at Insite

(Figures from April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008)

- More than 200 overdoses annually with no fatalities
- 3,862 first aid and medical care interventions
- 2,269 referrals to social and health services (40% made to addiction counselling)
- Insite users are twice as likely to engage in addiction treatment than non-Insite users

### Benefits to health care system

- Benefit of prevented HIV infections and deaths is calculated to be between \$1.50 and \$4.02, depending on model used, for every dollar spent. These calculations are based upon an underestimate of the full range of benefits and an overestimate of the annual costs of operation of the facility.

### Community support\*

- 57% of Lower Mainland residents support Insite
- 65% City of Vancouver residents support Insite

### Infectious diseases

#### HIV

- 3 in 10 injection drug users in the DTES are HIV positive
- 18% of Insite clients are HIV positive
- 30 new HIV cases in the DTES in 2006 compared to 2,100 cases in 1996
- Lifetime costs for a new HIV infection are close to \$500,000US.

#### Hepatitis C

- 9 in 10 injection drug users in the DTES have Hepatitis C
- 87% of Insite clients have Hepatitis C

### Insite participants

- 27% of clients are women
- 19% of clients are Aboriginal
- 17% of clients are homeless
- 68% of clients live in DTES
- 80% of clients have a history of incarceration
- 73% of users have injected in public before

### Drug use

- Heroin was used in 42% of injections
- Cocaine was used in 26% of injections
- Morphine was used in 11% of injections

\* May 31, 2008 poll by Angus Reid Strategies