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A Year of Progress for Patients

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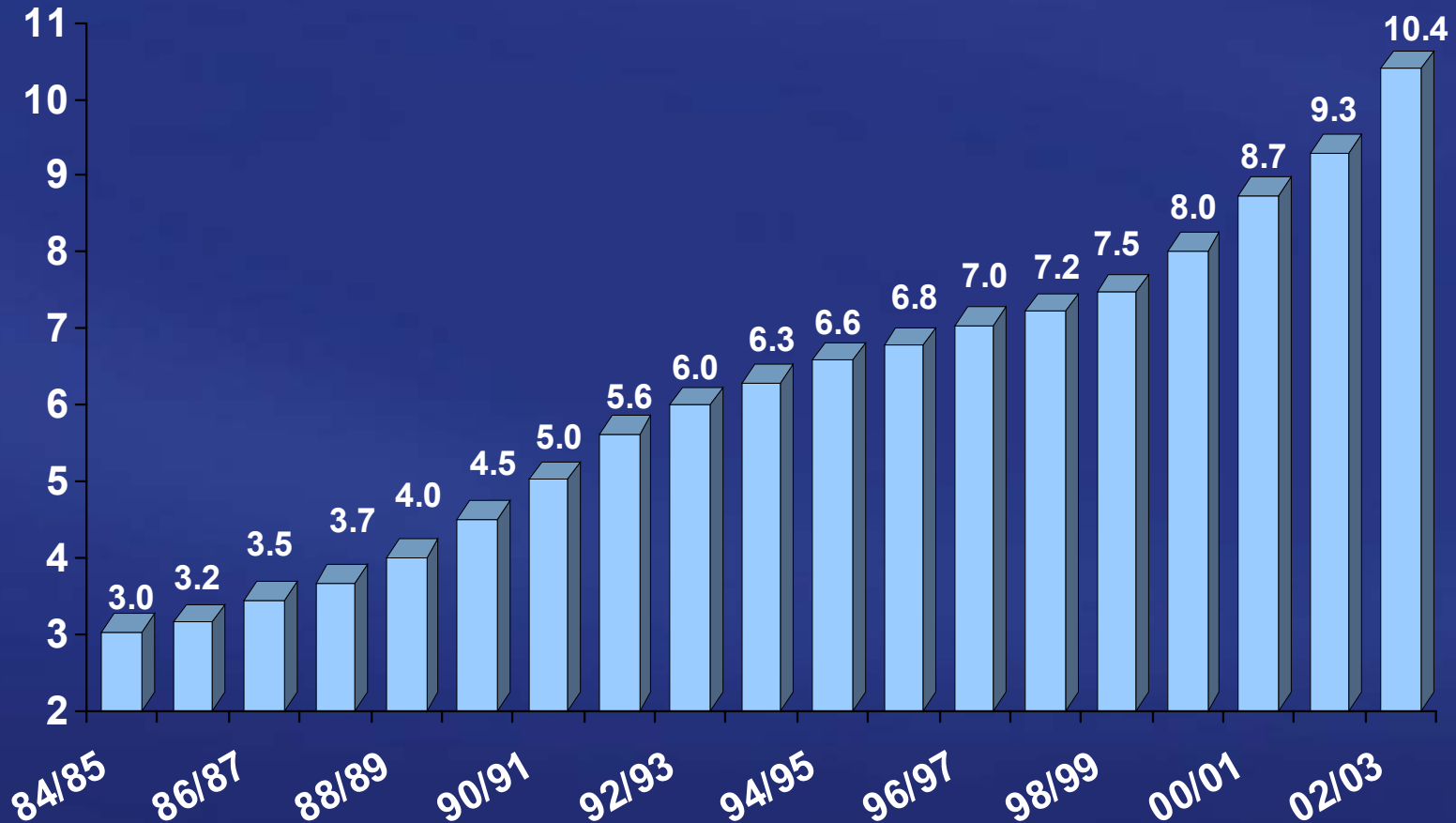
The Picture of Health – Long Term Goals:

- **Accessible, high quality health care**
- **Patient-centred public health care**
- **Improved health and wellness**
- **Sustainable, affordable health care**

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Health Spending has Tripled Since 1985





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Northern Health Authority

- New Northern Medical School
 - new UNBC program to increase number of northern doctors
- More Doctors/Nurses
 - net gain of 11 doctors in Prince George
 - 27 more nurses hired at PGRH
- Improved Seniors' Care
 - new \$9 million Rotary Manor in Dawson Creek
 - \$7.5 million replacement for Omineca Lodge in Vanderhoof
- Better Hospital Care
 - \$50 million expansion at PGRH
 - new \$3.4 million MRI at PGRH
- Expanded Kidney Treatment
 - \$1.4m Northwest Renal Dialysis Expansion in Terrace



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Interior Health Authority

- More Doctors
 - 28 more physicians and specialists in Thompson/Cariboo
 - recruitment of 5 more specialists in Cranbrook
- Fewer Patient Transfers
 - transfers from Kootenay Lake Hospital in Nelson reduced from 56 in July 2002 to 32 in November 2002
- Improved Seniors' Care
 - \$10 million to upgrade seven residential care facilities throughout the region including Kaslo and Trail
- More Operating Rooms
 - new operating rooms in Kelowna and Vernon
- Improved Mental Health
 - two new 20-bed mental health facilities in Kamloops

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Vancouver Island Health Authority

- New Equipment
 - new MRI in Nanaimo
 - new CT scanners at Royal Jubilee and Saanich Peninsula have cut wait times from 12 to two weeks
- Less Overtime
 - overall overtime rates reduced by 17% on southern Vancouver Island
- More Doctors
 - new medical program at UVIC will increase number of doctors on Vancouver Island
- Better Recruitment
 - 95% of graduating RNs from Camosun College and 74% from UVIC remain to work on the Island
- Improved Mental Health
 - 59 more beds in Nanaimo and Victoria
 - psychiatric unit expanded in Comox



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Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

- More Innovation
 - new bedside computers at St. Paul’s ER improve patient treatment and discharge
- More Care Options
 - new \$90 million Academic Ambulatory Care Centre next to VGH will improve “outpatient” care for up to 600,000 patients annually
- Improved Seniors’ Care
 - 20 new assisted living units in Powell River
 - new partnership with S.U.C.C.E.S.S. to aid Chinatown patients and provide treatment in their first language
- More Kidney Treatment
 - new community dialysis units on the North Shore and Richmond
- Improved Staffing
 - critical care units at UBCH and VHG fully staffed and overtime reduced by 6%

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Fraser Health Authority

- New Hospital
 - new 300-bed facility will provide improved access to cancer and acute care services
- Improved Seniors' Care
 - 59 new independent living apartment units in Nikkei House, Burnaby
 - 16-bed hospice unit at St. Michael's Care Centre and a tertiary level palliative care unit at Burnaby Hospital
- Better Cardiac Care
 - new cardiac catheterization day unit at Royal Columbian Hospital has reduced patient waits from six months to two months
- Enhanced Innovation
 - new state-of-the-art operating room at Surrey Memorial Hospital
- New Equipment
 - new CT scanners at Eagle Ridge and Ridge Meadows have reduced patient wait lists by 50%



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Provincial Health Services Authority

- Better Kidney Treatment
 - 25 new kidney dialysis centers established throughout the province through the BC Renal Agency
- Enhanced Lung Services
 - 4 Centres of Excellence for Thoracic Surgery
- Faster Autism Assessment
 - reduced the time children wait to be evaluated for autism from 14 months to less than three months
- Improved Mental Health
 - new facilities in Victoria, Prince George and Kamloops will provide care for more than 75 patients from Riverview Hospital



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A Year of Results for Patients

- **Improved Service**
 - More surgery performed
- **Care Where You Live**
 - Fewer out of province transfers
- **More Health Care Professionals**
 - 538 more nurses
 - 1,813 more training spaces
- **Efficiencies and Savings**
 - Less overtime, reduced administration

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What's Next

- Pursue Partnerships to Build Facilities
- Expand Home and Community Care
- Integrate BC Ambulance Service
- Improve Laboratory Services
- Strengthen MSP Service
- Expand Primary Care
- Enhance Chronic Disease Management
- Control Escalating Drug Costs



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