Appendix 1 – Data sources information

Name	Description	Refer to
Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)	Demographic, administrative and clinical data for hospital discharges and day surgeries. All Canadian hospitals (except those in Quebec) submit their separations records for inclusion in the DAD.	https://www.popdata.bc.ca/data/health/dad
National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS) dataset	Data on ambulatory care within Canada including emergency departments (EDs), day surgery, and medical and surgical day clinics within hospitals, the community and private clinics. Presently there are 29 hospital EDs in the province reporting to NACRS and no ambulatory care facility is reporting in BC.	https://www.popdata.bc.ca/data/health/nacrs
Medical Services Plan (MSP) payment file	Data on medically necessary services provided by fee-for-service practitioners to individuals covered by the MSP, BC's universal insurance program. Practitioners are separated into: physicians, supplementary benefit practitioners (physiotherapists, massage practitioners, naturopathic physicians, etc.), and out-of-province practitioners.	https://www.popdata.bc.ca/data/health/msp
BC Vital Events and Statistics Deaths dataset	Includes all deaths registered in the province of BC.	https://www.popdata.bc.ca/data/demographic/vs_deaths
PharmaNet dataset	Data on all prescriptions for drugs and medical supplies dispensed from community pharmacies in BC as well as prescriptions dispensed from hospital outpatient pharmacies for patient use at home.	https://www.popdata.bc.ca/data/health/pharmanet
Consolidation File dataset	Population Data BC's central demographics file for research requests. Contains basic demographics such as age and sex, geo-codes indicating location of residence, and registration data.	https://www.popdata.bc.ca/data/demographic/consolidation_file