

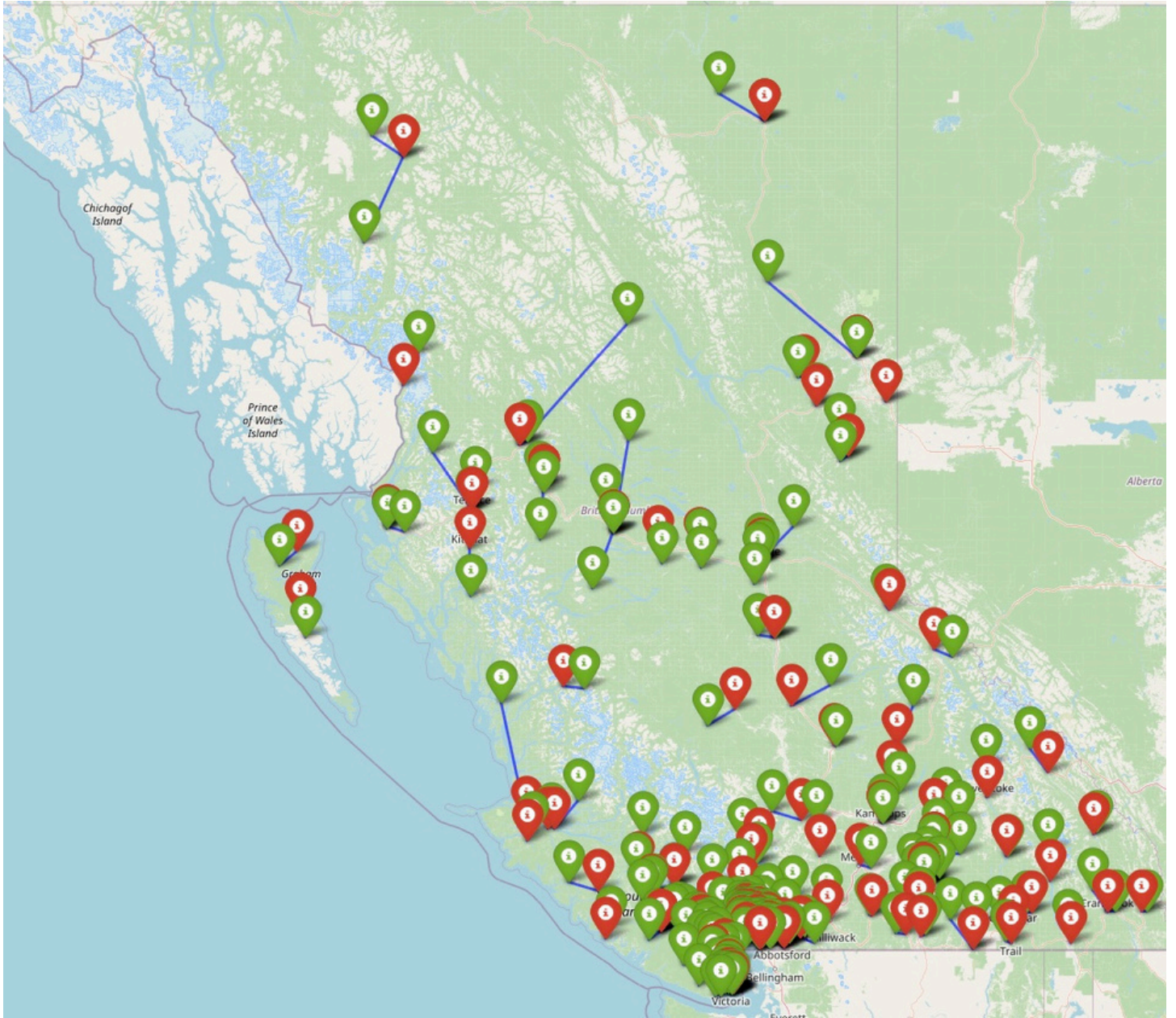
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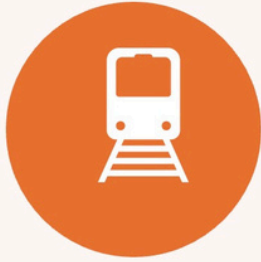
A report on the healthcare costs paid by patient and family and an analysis of financial inequality by the GEOFFE Method

Summary of Inputs

Top Encounter Communities	Type of Clinic	Trips Averted
Downtown Victoria/Vic West	ED	7019.32
Mount Pleasant		
Whalley		
Downtown Nanaimo		
Garden Village/Cascade/Douglas/Gilpin		
Downtown Kelowna		


Communities and Facilities Map






 **AVERAGE DISTANCE
TRAVELED PER TRIP: ~16.7 KM**



 **AVERAGE COST PER
TRIP: ~\$1,188**



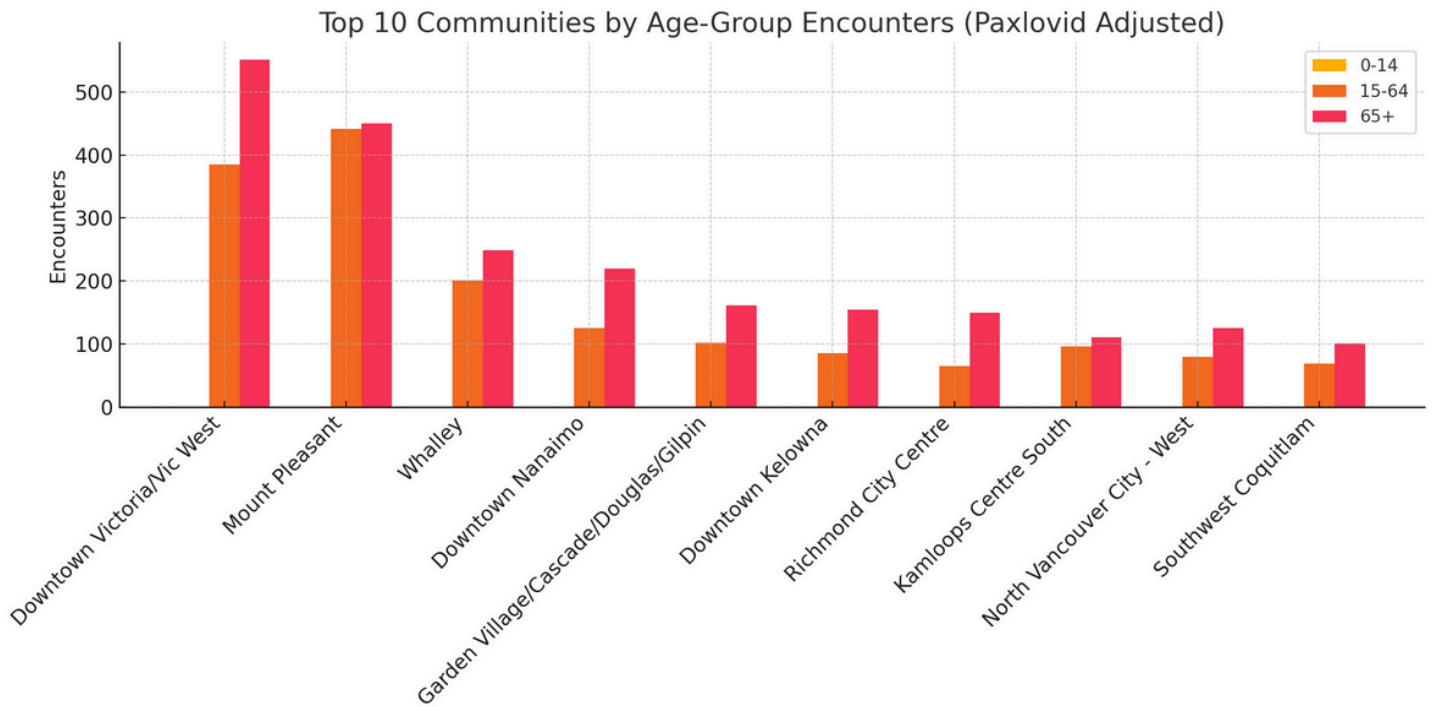
 **AVERAGE CO₂ EMISSIONS
PER TRIP: ~2.5 KG**

Patient and Family Costs - Heidi

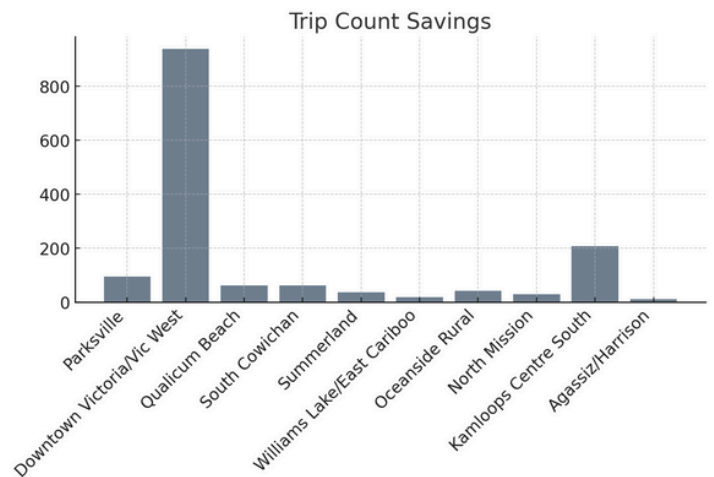
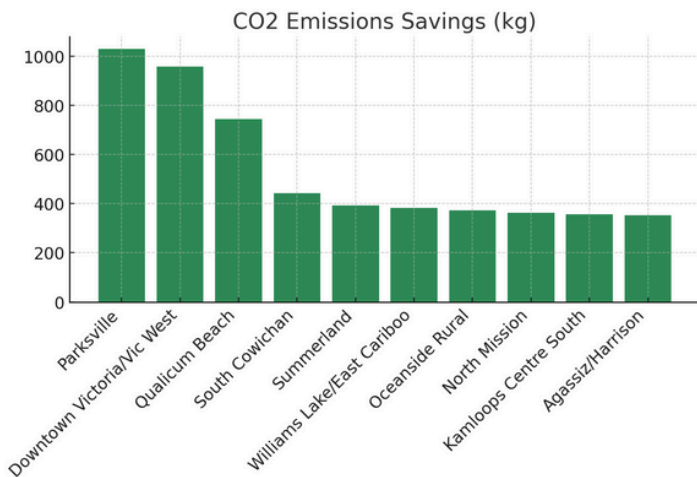
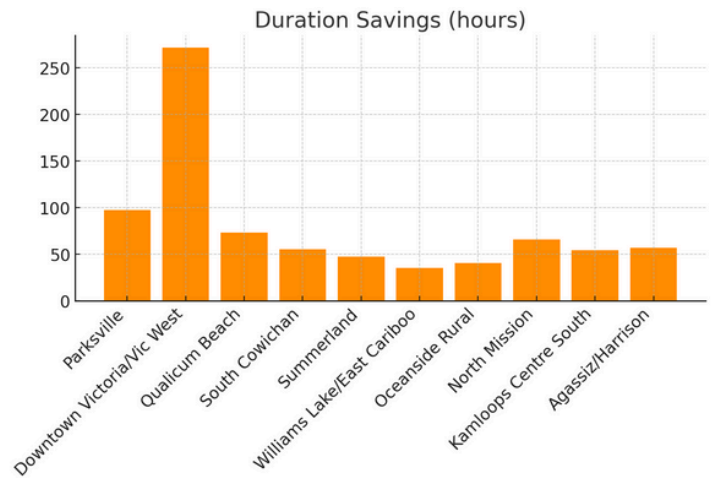
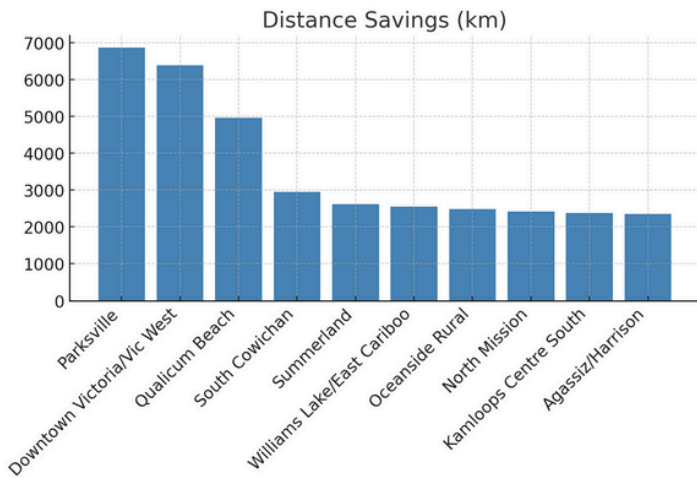
\$ in CAD (avg per person)	Without Intervention	With Intervention	Total Savings
0-14	\$0	\$0	\$0
Service type	Hosp	Virtual	
15-64	\$6237257.72	\$72047.44	\$6165210.28
Service type	Hosp	Virtual	
64+	\$2103630.16	\$24700.79	\$2078929.37
Service type	Hosp	Virtual	
Total Costs	\$8340887.98	\$96748.07	8244139.91
Distance	117318.96 km	0	117318.96 km
Co2 (kg)	17597.84	0	17597.84
Duration	2751.54 h	0	2751.54 h

Encounter Data

Below shows the bar graph of the selected CHSAs and the encounters for the Heidi pathway:



Top Encounters in BC



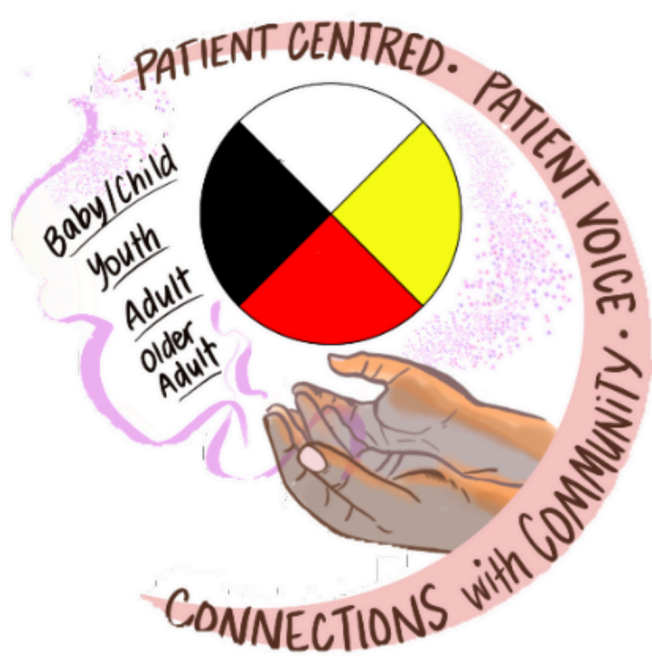
Savings for Heidi Pathway

Medicine Wheel Sections

	Examples
Emotional	Meditation
Spiritual	Singing
Physical	Dancing
Mental	Beading

Medicine Wheel

The emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental costs of accessing healthcare in rural communities were assessed in alignment with the **Medicine Wheel**, a holistic Indigenous framework. These costs were calculated by considering patient experiences beyond financial burdens, incorporating **emotional distress (e.g., stress, anxiety)**, **spiritual impacts (e.g., loss of connection to land and community)**, **physical burdens (e.g., travel fatigue, long wait times)**, and **mental strain (e.g., cognitive load of managing care)**. This approach ensures a comprehensive understanding of healthcare access challenges and their broader effects on well-being.





Land Connection and Medicine Wheel

The **Medicine Wheel** is a sacred Indigenous teaching that represents balance and interconnectedness among emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental well-being. **Land-based healing** is an Indigenous-led practice that fosters wellness through connection to nature, culture, and traditional knowledge. These teachings remind us that health is not just the absence of illness but the presence of harmony in all aspects of life.



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Impact Summary

