



Dr. Melanie Altas Gynaecologist, Vancouver Acute

Dr. Altas is the Director of the BC Centre for Vulvar Health at VCH.

Originally from the Maritimes, Dr. Altas finished residency in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at UBC in 2007. A gynaecologist at VCH and a sexual medicine consultant at the BC Cancer Agency, her current clinical practice is dedicated to cancer survivorship, menopause, and sexual pain disorders.

She is committed to empowering women with education and tools to heal themselves and is a passionate advocate for patient collaboration and shared decision making.

Aligned with her professional mission to promote patient-directed care, Dr. Altas regularly collaborates with community health-care providers to translate knowledge into practice and improve access to health services for individuals with undertreated conditions. She engages her passion for advancing sexual health equality as a member of the Society of OB/GYN of Canada Sexual Health and Reproductive Equity Committee.

Dr. Altas is actively involved in advancing women in medical leadership through her work with the VCH Physician Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. She was the previous co-chair of the Culture & Environment Subcommittee and is a current member of the Meaningful Metrics Working Group.

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“I believe an important step towards breaking the bias is normalizing conversations and questions about diversity, equity and inclusivity on a day-to-day basis. Doing so ensures that this goal is a shared and visible priority.”