**Health Facts**
90% of people who are homeless in Burnaby have at least one health condition.
50% have two or more health conditions.
41% have both a mental illness and an addiction.
38% have both a physical disability and a mental illness with or without an addiction.

**More Health Facts**
Compared to the general public, people who are homeless are:
8 times more likely to get sick and die.
7 times more likely to have alcohol problems.
5 times more likely to be admitted into the hospital and stay longer.
More likely to be depressed.

**Most Common Health Conditions**
- Dental Problems
- Diabetes
- Foot Problems
- High Blood Pressure
- HIV/AIDS
- Lung Disease
- Malnutrition
- Physical Disability
- Skin Problems
- Tuberculosis

**Number of Health Conditions**
- None (12%)
- 1 condition (32%)
- 2 or more conditions (56%)

**Barriers to Health Care**
- Cost of prescriptions
- Cost of transportation
- Difficulty attending regular appointments
- Lost or stolen Care Card
- No family physician
- No fixed address
- Physical Appearance/Hygiene
- Skin problems
- Sleep deprivation
- Unhealthy diet

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