



The Child & Family Research Institute (CFRI) is located on a 46-acre site that is run by the Children's & Women's Health Centre of British Columbia. The CFRI structure is a 163,000 sf building which consists of laboratories, education and training facilities, and training hospitals. Future facility expansion will provide 121,000 sf.

CFRI has been researching children and women's health since its incorporation in 1995 and is known as the largest research institute in Western Canada. Research conducted at CFRI is mainly focused on the health of women and children. CFRI provides training and partnerships with many institutes in the BC area; these institutes include:

- The University of British Columbia
- BC Children's Hospital
- Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children
- BC Women's Hospital and health Centre
- Provincial Health Services Authority
- BC Children's Hospital Foundation

Merrick & Company provided all architectural and engineering solutions to design a 1,000 sf laboratory facility for the Child & Family Research Institute. The CL3 suite, built on the fifth floor of the laboratory expansion project, consists of two procedure rooms, a shared instrument lab, a shared change room with shower out capabilities, a shared decontamination autoclave, and a VHP passbox. The procedure rooms will be Class 2, Type B1 biological safety cabinets; the instrument laboratory will use a recirculating Class 2, Type A2 biological safety cabinet.

The three types of laboratories in the suite consist of:

- Burkholderia Pseudomallei Lab
- Shared Analytical Lab
- Tuberculosis (TB) Lab