



Backgrounder: Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative Funding

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The Government of Saskatchewan is providing \$40.4 million in additional funding to the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative, to support the health system in improving quality and safety and achieving the goal of reducing all surgical wait times to no more than three months by 2014.

Funding Allocation	\$ millions
Hospital Costs (salaries, supplies, lab services, support services)	\$15.2
Physician Services (payments to surgeons, and anaesthesiologists)	\$7.3
Diagnostic Imaging (including MRI in Saskatoon)	\$4
Quality Improvement Initiatives (eg. patient-centred care, Lean, safety and partner engagements)	\$2.5
Home Care Programs (nursing and home care aides)	\$1.4
Post-operative Rehabilitative Services (physiotherapists, occupational therapists, supplies, equipment)	\$1.7
Surgical Information System expansion (to Saskatoon, Five Hills and Prairie North Health Regions)	\$1.4
Improved Assessment of Surgical Patients (additional multi-disciplinary clinics, care pathways)	\$1.1
Staff Training (operating room nurses)	\$0.8
Other Equipment and Renovations (renovations to operating room and patient recovery wards; surgical equipment)	\$5
TOTAL	\$40.4

Regional health authority funding allocations will be finalized and announced in the coming weeks. For more information about how Saskatchewan is reducing wait times and transforming the surgical patient experience, visit:

www.health.gov.sk.ca/saskatchewan-surgical-initiative