

FACT SHEET
Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative
Wait Times Data for Period Ending February 28, 2013

The Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative was launched in April 2010 involving government, surgical teams, health administrators and patient representatives in a high-priority joint effort to streamline surgical processes, improve the quality of patient care and reduce wait times. Wait times information is updated monthly: www.sasksurgery.ca/sksi/progressupdate.html

Number of Surgery Patients Waiting more than 6 Months / 12 Months

Date	Nov. 2007	Apr. 1, 2010	Feb. 28, 2013
Patients Waiting more than 12 Months	5,125	3,998	887
Patients Waiting more than 6 Months	10,635	9,876	3,858

Surgery Performance, by Health Region (Sept. 1, 2012 to Feb. 28, 2013)

HEALTH REGION	% of All Surgeries Performed within 6 months ⁽¹⁾	Patients Waiting more than 6 months on Feb. 28, 2013 ⁽²⁾	% of All Surgeries Performed within 12 months ⁽¹⁾	Patients Waiting more than 12 months on Feb. 28, 2013 ⁽²⁾
Cypress	100%	0	100%	0
Five Hills	99%	0	100%	0
Heartland	99%	0	99%	0
Kelsey Trail	92%	0	100%	0
PA Parkland	93%	42	100%	1
Prairie North	97%	20	100%	0
Regina Qu'Appelle	78%	2,910	92%	682
Saskatoon	93%	880	99%	203
Sunrise	98%	6	100%	1
Sun Country	100%	0	100%	0
Province	90%	3,858	97%	887

(1) Percentages based on all surgeries performed from September 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013.

(2) Number of patients still waiting longer than indicated wait time on February 28, 2013.

Some Saskatchewan projects contributing to surgery improvements include:

- Adoption of the surgical safety checklist before surgeries and processes to reduce post-surgical infections;
- An online specialist directory to empower patients, in consultation with their primary health care provider, to make informed choices about referrals to specialists;
- The use of pooled referrals to route patients to the next available appropriate specialist;
- A new pelvic floor clinical pathway to help ensure timely and appropriate care for women;
- Referral of patients on the public wait list to contracted third-party surgical centres; and
- Increased surgical capacity in urban and rural centres.

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