

FACT SHEET
Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative
Wait Times Data for Period Ending August 31, 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 3 Months / 6 Months

Date	Nov. 2007	Apr. 1, 2010	Aug. 31, 2013
Patients Waiting more than 3 Months	15,359	15,345	6,264
Patients Waiting more than 6 Months	10,636	9,878	2,744

Surgery Performance, by Health Region (June 1 to August 31, 2013)

Health Region	% of Surgeries Performed within 3 months ⁽¹⁾	% of Surgeries Performed within 6 months ⁽¹⁾
Cypress	98%	100%
Five Hills	95%	99%
Heartland	96%	96%
Kelsey Trail	85%	99%
PA Parkland	90%	98%
Prairie North	86%	100%
Regina Qu'Appelle	70%	82%
Saskatoon	83%	94%
Sunrise	93%	99%
Sun Country	96%	99%
Provincial	80%	91%

(1) Percentages based on all surgeries performed during the period June 1 to August 31, 2013.

The number of surgeries performed to date has increased by nine per cent (2,228 surgeries) over the same period last year. From April 1 to August 31 2013 there were 35,185 surgeries performed in Saskatchewan, compared to 32,957 in April-August 2012.

Some Saskatchewan projects contributing to surgery improvements include:

- Two new clinical “pathways” to help patient better navigate their care journey for prostate cancer and pelvic floor conditions, with work underway on acute stroke care and wound care;
- Use of “pooled referrals” to give patients access to the next available specialist in a group;
- Reduction of surgical site infections and provincial implementation of safety protocols;
- Improved patient flow and discharge planning through Lean improvement;
- Increased capacity to train operating room nurses; and
- Online Specialist Directory to enable patients – with their primary care providers – to make informed surgical decisions, based on factors such as location, surgeon, and length of wait.

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