

FACT SHEET
Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative
Wait Times Data for Period Ending July 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 | July 31, 2013 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| Patients Waiting more than 3 Months | 15,357 | 15,342 | 6,105 |
| Patients Waiting more than 6 Months | 10,635 | 9,876 | 2,790 |

Surgery Performance, by Health Region (May 1 to July 31, 2013)

| Health Region | % of Surgeries Performed within 3 months ⁽¹⁾ | % of Surgeries Performed within 6 months ⁽¹⁾ |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Cypress | 99% | 100% |
| Five Hills | 95% | 99% |
| Heartland | 95% | 98% |
| Kelsey Trail | 84% | 99% |
| PA Parkland | 85% | 98% |
| Prairie North | 90% | 100% |
| Regina Qu'Appelle | 67% | 79% |
| Saskatoon | 82% | 95% |
| Sunrise | 93% | 98% |
| Sun Country | 89% | 99% |
| Provincial | 80% | 91% |

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

The number of surgeries performed so far this fiscal year (since April 1) has increased by seven per cent (1,925 surgeries) over the same period last year. As of July 31, 2013 there have been 28,492 surgeries performed in Saskatchewan, compared to 26,567 in April-July 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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