

Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative

Wait Times Data for Period Ending February 28, 2014

The Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative was launched in March 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	Feb. 28, 2014
Patients Waiting More Than 3 Months	15,365	15,355	4,380
Patients Waiting More Than 6 Months	10,643	9,887	1,691

Surgery Performance, by Health Region (December 1 to February 28, 2014)

Health Region	% of Surgeries Performed Within 3 months	% of Surgeries Performed Within 6 months
Cypress	99.7%	100%
Five Hills	97.2%	100%
Heartland	83.3%	94.4%
Kelsey Trail	82.5%	100%
PA Parkland	95.0%	99.5%
Prairie North	91.4%	100%
Regina Qu'Appelle	73.0%	85.4%
Saskatoon	78.1%	95.3%
Sunrise	90.8%	100%
Sun Country	94.2%	99.5%
Provincial	80.8%	93.7%

The number of surgeries performed to date in 2013-14 has increased by six per cent (4,671 surgeries) over the same period last year. From April 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014 there were 79,468 surgeries performed in Saskatchewan, compared to 74,797 in April 2012-February 2013.

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.