

**FACT SHEET**  
**Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative**  
**Wait Times Data for Period Ending December 31, 2013**

The Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative was launched in March 2010, involving government, surgical teams, health providers, administrators and patient representatives in a high-priority 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](http://www.sasksurgery.ca/sksi/progressupdate.html)

**Number of Surgery Patients Waiting more than 3 Months / 6 Months**

Date	Nov. 2007	Apr. 1, 2010	Dec 31, 2013
Patients Waiting more than 3 Months	15,363	15,353	4,847
Patients Waiting more than 6 Months	10,641	9,885	1,979

**Surgery Performance, by Health Region (October 1 to December 31, 2013)**

Health Region	% of Surgeries Performed within 3 months	% of Surgeries Performed within 6 months
Cypress	99.8%	100%
Five Hills	96.6%	99.9%
Heartland	62.5%	95.8%
Kelsey Trail	85.6%	99.7%
PA Parkland	96.0%	99.8%
Prairie North	87.1%	100%
Regina Qu'Appelle	69.6%	81.6%
Saskatoon	79.7%	95.4%
Sunrise	95.0%	100%
Sun Country	84.3%	99.1%
<b>Provincial</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>92%</b>

The number of surgeries performed to date in 2013-14 has increased by six per cent (4,106 surgeries) over the same period last year. From April 1 to December 31, 2013 there were 64,897 surgeries performed in Saskatchewan, compared to 60,791 in April-December 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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