

FACT SHEET
Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative
Wait Times Data for Period Ending November 30, 2013

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	Nov 30, 2013
Patients Waiting more than 3 Months	15,362	15,351	4,796
Patients Waiting more than 6 Months	10,640	9,883	2,017

Surgery Performance, by Health Region (September 1 to November 30, 2013)

Health Region	% of Surgeries Performed within 3 months	% of Surgeries Performed within 6 months
Cypress	98.9%	100%
Five Hills	95.2%	99.8%
Heartland	63.9%	95.5%
Kelsey Trail	85.6%	99.7%
PA Parkland	94.7%	99.5%
Prairie North	86.3%	100%
Regina Qu'Appelle	67.0%	79.9%
Saskatoon	79.5%	95.2%
Sunrise	91.9%	100%
Sun Country	84.8%	99.6%
Provincial	79%	92%

The number of surgeries performed to date in 2013-14 has increased by six per cent (3,510 surgeries) over the same period last year. From April 1 to November 30, 2013 there were 58,264 surgeries performed in Saskatchewan, compared to 54,754 in April-November 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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