

**FACT SHEET**  
**Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative**  
**Wait Times Data for Period Ending January 31, 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](http://www.sasksurgery.ca/sksi/progressupdate.html)

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

Date	Nov. 2007	Apr. 1, 2010	Jan. 31, 2014
Patients Waiting more than 3 Months	15,363	15,353	4,608
Patients Waiting more than 6 Months	10,641	9,885	1,821

**Surgery Performance, by Health Region (November 1 to January 31, 2014)**

Health Region	% of Surgeries Performed within 3 months	% of Surgeries Performed within 6 months
Cypress	99.7%	100%
Five Hills	96.9%	100%
Heartland	78.3%	95.7%
Kelsey Trail	86.0%	99.7%
PA Parkland	95.7%	99.8%
Prairie North	87.7%	100%
Regina Qu'Appelle	71.0%	82.9%
Saskatoon	79.0%	95.2%
Sunrise	93.8%	100%
Sun Country	86.7%	99.5%
<b>Provincial</b>	<b>80.2%</b>	<b>92.7%</b>

The number of surgeries performed to date in 2013-14 has increased by six per cent (4,324 surgeries) over the same period last year. From April 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014 there were 72,635 surgeries performed in Saskatchewan, compared to 68,311 from April 1, 2012 to January 31, 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 improvements;
- 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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