

Cancer Surgery Breast Biopsy

Health Region	Actual Patient Waits for Procedures Performed [‡] 01-Jan-2010 to 30-Jun-2010						Patients Waiting on 30-Jun-2010
	Patients Completed	Within 3 weeks	4-6 weeks	7 weeks- 3 months	4-6 months	Longer than 6 months	
Saskatoon	87	72%	26%	1%	0%	0%	15
Regina Qu'Appelle	27	67%	30%	4%	0%	0%	<5
Prince Albert Parkland	14	Data suppressed because < 20 procedures performed					1
Other Regions*	26	65%	31%	4%	0%	0%	<5
Total[†]	154	69%	28%	3%	0%	0%	20

* Number of cases performed in other regions: Five Hills (9); Prairie North (<5); Sunrise (5); Cypress (10);

† 90% of cases were performed within 33 days (4.7 weeks).

‡ Only breast biopsies performed in operating rooms are reported to the Registry. Reporting does not include all breast biopsies and may vary by region, depending upon where in the hospital the biopsies are being performed. Breast biopsies can be performed surgically or by withdrawing tissue through a needle. Generally, needle biopsies are not done in operating rooms, but even surgical biopsies can be done in other settings like ambulatory care.

Notes

- This procedure is performed by general surgeons.
- Data includes primarily excisional breast biopsies performed in operating rooms.
- Cancer surgery data is based on procedures performed in hospital operating rooms. 88% of all breast biopsies performed in operating rooms over this time period were categorized as cancer surgeries. Only cancer surgeries are included in this table. Breast biopsies can be performed outside of the operating room setting which means that the surgical registry data is incomplete for this procedure.
- The data includes procedures that are performed for both invasive and slower growing cancers. 83% of breast biopsies reported here were categorized as invasive with a target time frame of three weeks and the rest were categorized as slower growing cancers with a target time frame of three months. Emergency procedures and procedures performed for routine screening or scheduled follow-up are excluded. Some further work has to be done to ensure that the cancer categories are being consistently interpreted.
- Time periods where patients specify that they are unavailable for surgery are subtracted from the wait time.
- Postponed cases are included, regardless of whether the reason for postponement is patient or system-related.
- The results are based on the August 3, 2010 refresh of the SSCN Surgical Patient Registry data mart and are subject to minor changes as data is added or corrected.