

Cancer Surgery

Lymph Node Dissection/Biopsy (Removal of lymph nodes)

Health Region	Actual Patient Waits for Procedures Performed 01-Jun-2011 to 30-Nov-2011						Patients Waiting on 30-Nov-2011
	Patients Completed	Within 3 weeks	4-6 weeks	7 weeks- 3 months	4-6 months	Longer than 6 months	
Saskatoon	57	82%	12%	5%	0%	0%	<5
Regina Qu'Appelle	77	79%	21%	0%	0%	0%	9
Other Regions*	19	Data suppressed because < 20 procedures performed					<5
Total[†]	153	82%	16%	2%	0%	0%	13

* Number of cases performed in other regions: Prince Albert Parkland (<5); Five Hills (7); Prairie North (<5); Sunrise (<5); Cypress (<5);

[†] 90% of cases were performed within 27 days (3.9 weeks).

Notes

- Most of these procedures are performed by general surgeons, but they may also be performed by other specialists (e.g. urologists and gynaecologists) depending on the location of the lymph nodes.
- About half of these procedures are axillary lymph node procedures performed for breast cancer treatment.
- Cancer surgery data is based on procedures performed in hospital operating rooms. 76% of all lymph node dissections/biopsies performed in operating rooms over this time period were categorized as cancer surgeries. Only cancer surgeries are included in this table.
- The data includes procedures that are performed for both invasive and slower growing cancers. 90% of lymph node dissections/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 January 1, 2012 refresh of the Saskatchewan Surgical Patient Registry data mart and are subject to minor changes as data is added or corrected.