

Cancer Surgery Lymph Node Dissection/Biopsy (Removal of lymph nodes)

Actual Patient Waits for Procedures Performed 01-Jan-2010 to 30-Jun-2010							
Health Region	Patients Completed	Within 3 weeks	4-6 weeks	7 weeks-3 months	4-6 months	Longer than 6 months	Patients Waiting on 30-Jun-2010
Saskatoon	63	87%	11%	2%	0%	0%	6
Regina Qu'Appelle	65	72%	22%	5%	2%	0%	7
Other Regions*	30	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%	<5
Total†	158	82%	15%	3%	1%	0%	16

* Number of cases performed in other regions: Prince Albert Parkland (8); Five Hills (9); Prairie North (7); Sunrise (<5); Cypress (<5);

† 90% of cases were performed within 31 days (4.4 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. 84% 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. 92% 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 August 3, 2010 refresh of the SSCN Surgical Patient Registry data mart and are subject to minor changes as data is added or corrected.