

Cancer Surgery

Radical Prostatectomy (Removal of all or part of prostate)

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	55	5%	29%	56%	9%	0%	18
Regina Qu'Appelle	49	10%	8%	53%	27%	2%	30
Total[†]	104	8%	19%	55%	17%	1%	48

[†] 90% of cases were performed within 108 days (15.4 weeks).

Notes

- This procedure is performed by urologists.
- Cancer surgery data is based on procedures performed in hospital operating rooms. 88% of all radical prostatectomies 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. 97% of these cases 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.

The Canadian Cancer Society's **Cancer Statistics 2009** report shows that prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Canadian males. Although common, the disease can be more or less aggressive necessitating a variety of treatment approaches.

The Ministry now posts information on its web site at <http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/prostate-cancer> to help prostate cancer patients and their families understand the disease and treatment options. The site includes information on testing, diagnosis and treatment compiled by health care professionals. Men are encouraged to become familiar with this information to supplement one-on-one counseling from health providers.