

Cancer Surgery

Thyroidectomy (Removal of thyroid)

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	43	86%	12%	2%	0%	0%	5
Regina Qu'Appelle	21	29%	48%	24%	0%	0%	6
Other Regions*	17	Data suppressed because < 20 procedures performed					<5
Total†	81	72%	21%	7%	0%	0%	13

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

† 90% of cases were performed within 39 days (5.6 weeks).

Notes

- Most of these procedures are performed by general surgeons, but they may also be performed by otolaryngologists.
- Cancer surgery data is based on procedures performed in hospital operating rooms. 58% of all thyroidectomies 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. 88% of thyroidectomies reported as cancer 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.