

# Cataract Surgery - High Risk Patients (Priority I, II and III cases)

## Pan Canadian Benchmark: 16 weeks (112 days)

Summary for cases performed in the past two quarters (01-Jun-2011 to 30-Nov-2011)

Measure	Saskatchewan	Regina	Saskatoon	Other Regions*
Number of cases performed	2,429	626	899	904
Percent of cases performed within 16 weeks	84%	70%	83%	95%
Median wait time (in days) <sup>†</sup>	20	70	13	14
90th percentile wait time (in days) <sup>‡</sup>	154	176	175	67

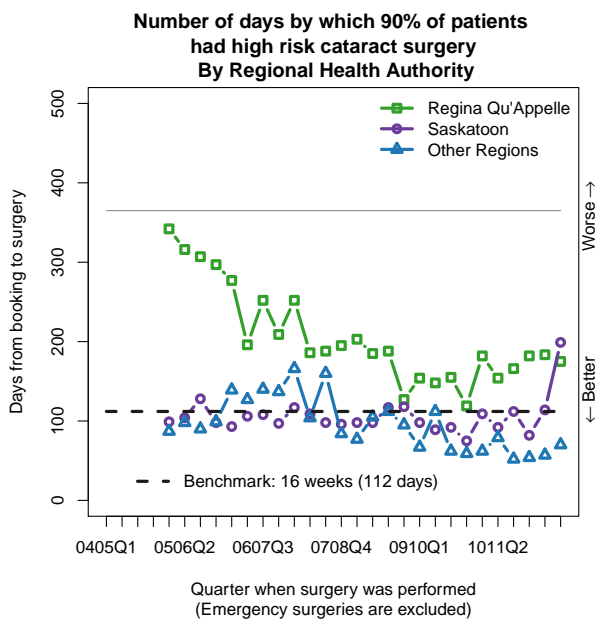
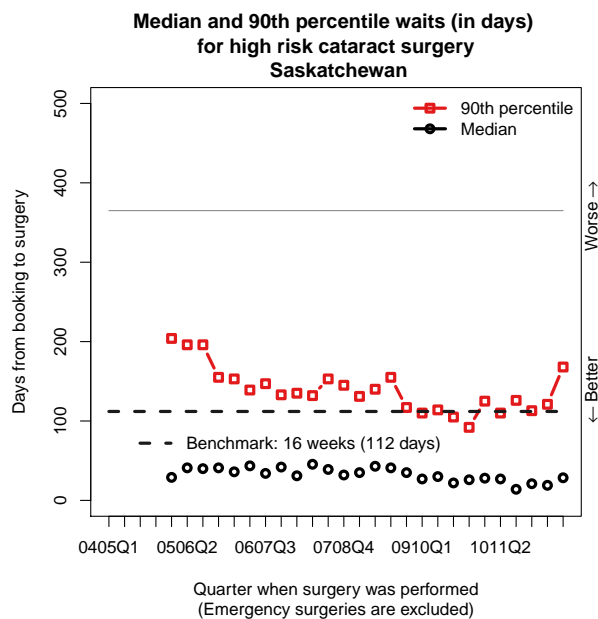
Summary of cases waiting

Measure	Saskatchewan	Regina	Saskatoon	Other Regions*
Number of cases waiting on 31-Mar-2005	1,365	549	691	125
Number of cases waiting on 30-Nov-2011	1,204	370	575	259
Percent of cases waiting on 31-Mar-2005 that had already waited longer than 16 weeks	26%	46%	13%	14%
Percent of cases waiting on 30-Nov-2011 that had already waited longer than 16 weeks	12%	17%	11%	7%

\* Cataract procedures are also performed in Prince Albert Parkland, Five Hills, Cypress, Sunrise, Kelsey Trail and Prairie North health regions. Information on current wait times by region is available on this web site in [Wait Times/Lists \(by Specialty\)](#).

<sup>†</sup> The median wait time is the time by which 50% of cases had surgery.

<sup>‡</sup> The 90th percentile wait time is the time by which 90% of cases had surgery.



### Notes

- In Saskatchewan's patient assessment system, Priority Levels I-III are cases with different degrees of urgency that need to be prioritized, while Priority IV cases are elective cases that can be done in-turn within a longer target time frame of 12 months. For purposes of assessing performance on the pan Canadian benchmark for cataract surgery, patients assessed at Priority Levels I-III are assumed to be high-risk patients and others are assumed to be low-risk patients. Emergency cases are excluded.

- The urgency profile for cataract procedures in the Saskatchewan system is currently under review. For purposes of assessing performance on the pan Canadian benchmark, a change to the urgency profile is assumed that identifies approximately 40% of cataract cases as Priority Level I-III cases. The adjustment provides a higher priority to the the second eye when surgery on two eyes is booked at the same time. The wait for the second eye starts only when the surgery on the first eye has been done. Without this adjustment, only about 11% of cases are identified as priority I-III cases.
- No data is shown for 2004-05 because some of the cases performed that year were booked prior to the establishment of the Registry and were not assigned to Registry priority levels.
- Results are based on the January 1, 2012 refresh of the Saskatchewan Surgical Patient Registry data mart.

# Cataract Surgery - Lower Risk Patients (Priority IV cases)

## Target Time Frame: 90% within 12 months (365 days)

### Summary for cases performed in the past two quarters (01-Jun-2011 to 30-Nov-2011)

Measure	Saskatchewan	Regina	Saskatoon	Other Regions*
Number of cases performed	<b>3,599</b>	1,081	838	1,680
Percent of cases performed within 12 months	<b>99%</b>	99%	97%	99%
Median wait time (in days) <sup>†</sup>	<b>78</b>	95	161	43
90th percentile wait time (in days) <sup>‡</sup>	<b>250</b>	189	332	194

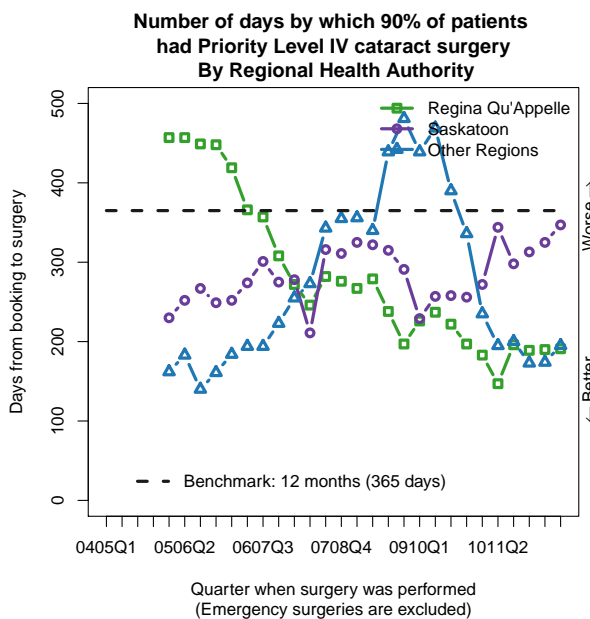
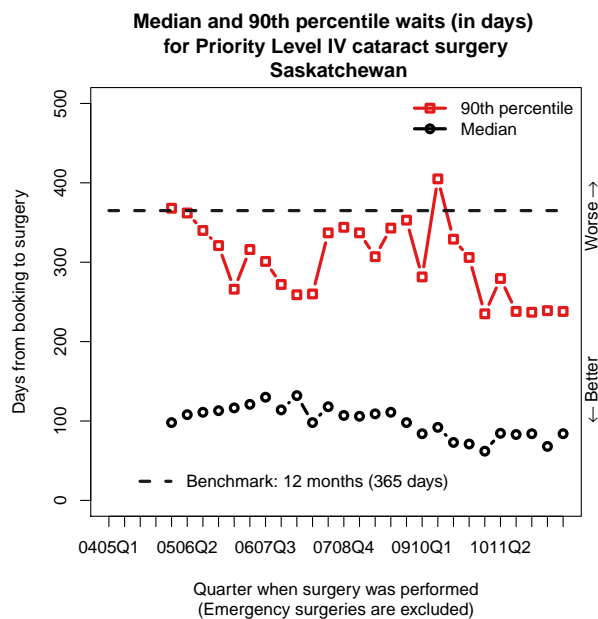
### Summary of cases waiting

Measure	Saskatchewan	Regina	Saskatoon	Other Regions*
Number of cases waiting on 31-Mar-2005	<b>3,881</b>	1,840	1,375	666
Number of cases waiting on 30-Nov-2011	<b>2,437</b>	946	718	773
Percent of cases waiting on 31-Mar-2005 that had already waited longer than 12 months	<b>12%</b>	17%	7%	11%
Percent of cases waiting on 30-Nov-2011 that had already waited longer than 12 months	<b>1%</b>	1%	1%	1%

\* Cataract surgery is also performed in Prince Albert Parkland, Five Hills, Cypress, Sunrise, Kelsey Trail and Prairie North health regions. Information on current wait times by region is available on this web site in [Wait Times/Lists \(by Specialty\)](#).

<sup>†</sup> The median wait time is the time by which 50% of cases had surgery.

<sup>‡</sup> The 90th percentile wait time is the time by which 90% of cases had surgery.



### Notes

- The Priority Level IV cataracts are the lower risk cataract patients. Emergency cases (if any) are excluded.
- No data is shown for 2004-05 because some of the cases performed in that year were booked prior to the establishment of the Registry and were not assigned to Registry priority levels.
- Results are based on the January 1, 2012 refresh of the Saskatchewan Surgical Patient Registry data mart.