

FACT SHEET
Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative
Wait Times Data for Period Ending September 30, 2013

The Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative was launched in early 2010, involving government, surgical teams, health administrators and patient representatives in a high-priority joint effort to streamline surgical processes, improve the quality of patient care and reduce wait times. Wait times information is updated monthly: www.sasksurgery.ca/sksi/progressupdate.html

Number of Surgery Patients Waiting more than 3 Months / 6 Months

Date	Nov. 2007	Mar. 31, 2010	Sept. 30, 2013
Patients Waiting more than 3 Months	15,360	15,347	5,821
Patients Waiting more than 6 Months	10,637	9,879	2,511

Surgery Performance, by Health Region (July 1 to September 30, 2013)

Health Region	% of Surgeries Performed within 3 months ⁽¹⁾	% of Surgeries Performed within 6 months ⁽¹⁾
Cypress	98%	100%
Five Hills	94%	100%
Heartland	100%	100%
Kelsey Trail	84%	100%
PA Parkland	92%	99%
Prairie North	87%	100%
Regina Qu'Appelle	69%	82%
Saskatoon	82%	95%
Sunrise	92%	100%
Sun Country	94%	99%
Provincial	80%	92%

(1) Percentages based on all surgeries performed during the period July 1 to September 30, 2013.

The number of surgeries performed to date in this fiscal year has increased by eight per cent (3,170 surgeries) over the same period last year. From April 1 to September 30, 2013 there were 42,807 surgeries performed in Saskatchewan, compared to 39,637 in April-September 2012.

Some Saskatchewan projects contributing to surgery improvements include:

- Two new clinical “pathways” to help patient better navigate their care journey for prostate cancer and pelvic floor conditions, with work underway on acute stroke care and wound care;
- Use of “pooled referrals” to give patients access to the next available specialist in a group;
- Reduction of surgical site infections and provincial implementation of safety protocols;
- Improved patient flow and discharge planning through Lean improvement;
- Increased capacity to train operating room nurses; and
- Online Specialist Directory to enable patients – with their primary care providers – to make informed surgical decisions, based on factors such as location, surgeon, and length of wait.

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