

FACT SHEET
Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative
Wait Times Data for Period Ending October 31, 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	Oct 31, 2013
Patients Waiting more than 3 Months	15,362	15,351	5,328
Patients Waiting more than 6 Months	10,640	9,883	2,220

Surgery Performance, by Health Region (August 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013)

Health Region	% of Surgeries Performed within 3 months ⁽¹⁾	% of Surgeries Performed within 6 months ⁽¹⁾
Cypress	98%	100%
Five Hills	95%	100%
Heartland	69%	100%
Kelsey Trail	82%	100%
PA Parkland	93%	100%
Prairie North	87%	100%
Regina Qu'Appelle	68%	81%
Saskatoon	80%	95%
Sunrise	92%	100%
Sun Country	94%	99%
Provincial	79%	92%

(1) Percentages based on all surgeries performed during the period Aug 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013.

The number of surgeries performed to date has increased by eight per cent (3,690 surgeries) over the same period last year. From April 1 to October 31, 2013 there were 50,904 surgeries performed in Saskatchewan, compared to 47,214 from April to October in 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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