

Cancer Surgery

Lymph Node Dissection/Biopsy (Removal of lymph nodes)

Actual Patient Waits for Procedures Performed (01JUL2021 to 31DEC2021)

Area of Service	Patients completed	Within 3 weeks	4-6 weeks	7 weeks-3 months	4 - 6 months	Longer than 6 months	Patients Waiting on 31DEC2021
03 Saskatoon	70	64%	20%	11%	4%	0%	33
06 Regina	21	81%	14%	5%	0%	0%	< 5
Other smaller areas	5	Data suppressed	because < 20	procedures performed.			< 5
99 All SK hospitals	96	70%	18%	9%	3%	0%	36

* Fewer than five cases performed in the following area(s): North West, South West

† 90% of cases were performed within 48 days (6.9 weeks).

Notes:

- ◆ Most of these procedures are performed by general surgeons, but they may also be performed by other specialists (e.g. urologists and gynaecologists) depending on the location of the lymph nodes.
- ◆ About half of these procedures are axillary lymph node procedures performed for breast cancer treatment.
- ◆ Cancer surgery data is based on procedures performed in hospital operating rooms. 68% of all lymph node dissections/biopsies performed in operating rooms over this time period were categorized as cancer surgeries. Only cancer surgeries are included in this table.
- ◆ 84% of lymph node dissections/biopsies reported here were categorized with a surgeon priority of three weeks. The remainder have a surgeon priority of six weeks or three months. Emergency procedures 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 Jan 23, 2022 refresh of the Saskatchewan Surgical Patient Registry data mart and are subject to minor changes as data is added or corrected.