

Cancer Surgery

Lymph Node Dissection/Biopsy (Removal of lymph nodes)

Actual Patient Waits for Procedures Performed (01APR2022 to 30SEP2022)

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 30SEP2022
03 Saskatoon	70	56%	30%	13%	1%	0%	43
04 South West	5	Data suppressed	because < 20	procedures	performed.		< 5
06 Regina	33	67%	24%	9%	0%	0%	5
Other smaller areas	5	Data suppressed	because < 20	procedures	performed.		< 5
99 All SK hospitals	113	61%	27%	11%	1%	0%	49

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

† 90% of cases were performed within 46 days (6.6 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. 72% 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.
- ◆ 87% 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 Oct 23, 2022 refresh of the Saskatchewan Surgical Patient Registry data mart and are subject to minor changes as data is added or corrected.