

Cancer Surgery

Lymph Node Dissection/Biopsy (Removal of lymph nodes)

Actual Patient Waits for Procedures Performed (01JUL2023 to 31DEC2023)

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 31DEC2023
03 Saskatoon	64	63%	23%	14%	0%	0%	49
06 Regina	38	74%	24%	3%	0%	0%	< 5
Other smaller areas	10	Data suppressed	because < 20 procedures performed.				< 5
99 All SK hospitals	112	69%	22%	9%	0%	0%	53

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

† 90% of cases were performed within 41 days (5.9 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. 62% 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.
- ◆ 88% 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 21, 2024 refresh of the Saskatchewan Surgical Patient Registry data mart and are subject to minor changes as data is added or corrected.