

Cancer Surgery

Lymph Node Dissection/Biopsy (Removal of lymph nodes)

Actual Patient Waits for Procedures Performed (01JUL2024 to 31DEC2024)

Area of Service	Patients completed	Within 2 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	5 - 6 weeks	7 - 12 weeks	13 - 26 weeks	Longer than 26 weeks	Patients Waiting on 31DEC2024
03 Saskatoon	54	35%	46%	11%	7%	0%	0%	30
06 Regina	25	60%	32%	8%	0%	0%	0%	6
Other smaller areas	< 5	Data suppressed	because	<20	procedures	performed.		< 5
99 All SK hospitals	83	43%	42%	10%	5%	0%	0%	37

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

† 90% of cases were performed within 31 days (4.4 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. 55% 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.
- ◆ 94% of lymph node dissections/biopsies reported here were categorized with a diagnosis-based priority of two or four weeks. The remainder have a diagnosis-based priority of six, twelve or twenty-six weeks. 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 19, 2025 refresh of the Saskatchewan Surgical Patient Registry data mart and are subject to minor changes as data is added or corrected.