

Cancer Surgery Thoracotomy/ Video-Assisted Thoroscopic Surgery and Lobectomy

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 | 67 | 31% | 37% | 16% | 15% | 0% | 0% | 7 |
| 06 Regina | 19 | Data suppressed | because | <20 | procedures | performed. | | < 5 |
| 99 All SK hospitals | 86 | 44% | 30% | 14% | 12% | 0% | 0% | 7 |

† 90% of cases were performed within 43 days (6.1 weeks).

Notes:

- ◆ These procedures are performed by thoracic or cardiothoracic surgeons. These surgeons are listed under cardiovascular surgery in Regina and general surgery in Saskatoon.
- ◆ A thoracotomy is an incision into a chest wall to gain access to the chest cavity. The most common cancer to require a thoracotomy is lung cancer.
- ◆ Video-Assisted Thoroscopic Surgery (VATS) is a less invasive procedure than a thoracotomy. VATS uses small incisions and the ribs are spread apart to access the lungs.
- ◆ A lobectomy is the removal of a section (lobe) of a lung. It can be performed by open chest surgery (thoracotomy) or through VATS.
- ◆ Cancer surgery data is based on procedures performed in hospital operating rooms. 65% of all these lung procedures performed in operating rooms over this time period were categorized as cancer surgeries. Only cancer surgeries are included in this table.
- ◆ 98% of these lung procedures 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.