

Wait Time Information - Total Hip Replacement Surgery

Q: What is a hip replacement?

A **hip replacement** (total hip replacement) is an orthopaedic surgical procedure in which the hip joint is replaced with man-made devices called prostheses. Replacing the hip joint consists of replacing both the ball (femoral head) and the socket (acetabulum).

Q: Where will I be referred to have this surgery?

Ask your doctor/specialist where you can have your hip replacement surgery, as this procedure is performed in the following hospitals:

Eastern Health

General Hospital - Health Sciences Centre – St. John’s
St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital – St. John’s

Central Health

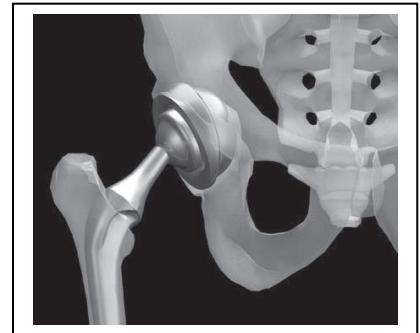
James Paton Memorial Hospital – Gander

Western Health

Western Memorial Regional Hospital – Corner Brook

Labrador-Grenfell Health

Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital – St. Anthony



Q: How are wait times measured?

For this operation, the wait time is measured from when you and your orthopaedic surgeon decide to proceed with surgery to when the procedure is completed.

Q: What is the benchmark wait time for hip replacement surgery?

The national benchmark for hip replacement is 182 days. This means that orthopaedic surgeons and the health regions are working together to perform the majority of hip replacements within the 182-day target. The most recent wait times for hip replacement surgery in the RHAs are:

Table 1: Hip Replacement Surgery by Region for Q4 (January 1 – March 30, 2021-2022)

| Region | Eastern Health | Central Health | Western Health | Labrador-Grenfell Health |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Wait Time Information | | | | |
| Number of hip replacement procedures completed | 78 | 28 | 10 | DS |
| 5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days | 246 | 147 | 192 | DS |
| 9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days | 502 | 411 | 290 | DS |
| Percentage of patients who had surgery within 182 days | 45% | 55% | 50% | DS |

Data source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador