

# Wait Time Information - Breast Cancer Surgery

# Q: What is Cancer Surgery?

Cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the body in the treatment of cancer.

# Q: Who goes on a wait list?

Anyone who needs a treatment that has a wait list is placed on the list, unless it is an emergency. Emergency patients are treated as quickly as possible.

# **Q: What is Breast Cancer Surgery?**

Breast cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the group of cancers found in the breast region.

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

Ask your doctor/specialist where you can have your cancer surgery done, as these procedures are performed in the following hospitals:

#### **Eastern Health**

General Hospital - Health Sciences Centre - St. John's St. Clare's Mercy Hospital - St. John's Carbonear General Hospital - Carbonear Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre - Burin Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital - Clarenville **Central Health** James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre - Gander Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre - Grand Falls-Windsor **Western Health** Western Memorial Regional Hospital - Corner Brook Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital - Stephenville **Labrador-Grenfell Health** Labrador Health Centre - Happy Valley-Goose Bay Labrador West Health Centre - Labrador City 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 surgeon decide to proceed with surgery for the confirmed cancer to when the procedure is completed.

#### Q: What is the benchmark wait time for cancer surgery?

There is no national benchmark for this surgical procedure.

#### Table 1: Breast Cancer Surgery Wait Times for Q1 (April 1 – June 30, 2017-2018)

Regional Health Authority	Number of	5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this	9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this
Hospital	Procedures	number of days	number of days
Eastern			
Health Sciences Centre / St. Clare's Mercy Hospital	70	11	25
Carbonear General Hospital	9	8	20
Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre	DS	DS	DS
Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital	8	9	15
Central			
James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre	8	14	17
Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre	DS	DS	DS
Western			
Western Memorial Regional Hospital	15	22	26
Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital	NV	NV	NV
Labrador-Grenfell			
Labrador Health Centre	DS	DS	DS
Labrador West Health Centre	NV	NV	NV
Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital	NV	NV	NV

Source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador DS: Data Suppression – This indicates that a hospital performed 5 or less cases during the reporting period. To protect patient privacy, wait times associated with these small volumes will not be reported. NC: Non-Complaint – This indicates that a region or hospital did not report wait times data to the Department by the deadline for publication on this website. NV: No Volume – This indicates that a hospital did not perform this service during the reporting period, or that zero cases were carried out.

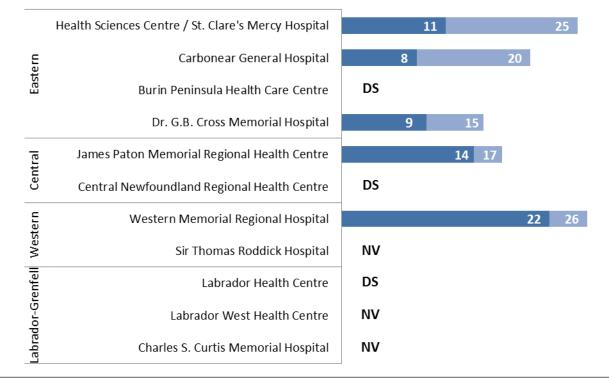
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# **Breast Cancer Surgery Wait Times (days)**

5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days

9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days



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