Provincial Wait Time Benchmark Update
Q1/Q2 2017-2018

Provincial wait time information from April 1 to September 30 (Q1/Q2) of 2017-2018 shows that on average 88 per cent of patients accessed care within the recommended time frames, which is close to the national target of 90 per cent. Wait time data shows that the majority of patients accessed radiation treatment, cardiac bypass, cataract and hip fracture surgery within benchmark; while wait times for hip and knee joint replacement continue to be impacted by increasing demand in some regions, which is subsequently impacting overall provincial results.

Provincial data results for these first two quarters combined show that:

- All (100%) of newly diagnosed cancer patients commenced radiation treatment within the 28 day benchmark;
- Almost all (99%) of cardiac bypass surgeries were performed within the 182 day benchmark;
- Nearly nine out of 10 (87%) cataract cases on the first eye were performed within 112 days;
- More than eight out of 10 (84%) hip replacements were completed within the recommended benchmark of 182 days;
- Nearly seven out of 10 (66%) knee replacements were completed within the recommended benchmark of 182 days; and,
- More than nine out of 10 (92%) patients underwent hip fracture surgery within the benchmark of 48 hours.

Provincial Wait Times Data
2017-18 Quarters 1 and 2: April 1 to September 30, 2017

Newfoundland and Labrador Wait Times (April - September, 2016-2017)				
Service Area	**Pan-Canadian Benchmarks**	**50th Percentile Wait Time**	**90th Percentile Wait Time**	**Percent Within Benchmark**
Curative Radiotherapy	Within 4 weeks (28 days) of being ready to treat.	• 12 days	• 20 days	• 100%
Coronary Bypass Surgery (CABG)	Level 1, 2, 3 combined (182 days)	• 6 days	• 58 days	• 99%
Cataracts (First eye)	Within 16 weeks (112 days) for patients who are at high risk.	• 63 days	• 118 days	• 87%
Hip Replacement	Within 26 weeks (182 days)	• 81 days	• 225 days	• 84%
Knee Replacement	Within 26 weeks (182 days)	• 145 days	• 291 days	• 66%
Hip Fracture Repair	Fixation within 48 hours	• 23 hrs 28 mins	• 45 hrs 49 mins	• 92%

Source: Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), Newfoundland and Labrador
Notes: In keeping with data standards, outliers or cases that do not comply with the standard wait time definitions are excluded from cataract wait time calculations and Eastern and Central Health are working to address this.
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