

## Provincial Wait Time Benchmark Update Q1/Q2 2019-2020

Provincial wait time information from April 1 to September 30 (Q1/Q2) of 2019-2020 shows that on average 77 per cent of patients accessed care within the recommended time frames, which is below the national target of 90 per cent. Wait time data shows that the majority of radiation treatment, cardiac bypass surgery, and hip fracture patients accessed care within the benchmarks; while longer cataract surgery wait times, and increasing demand for joint replacement in some regions has impacted overall provincial results.

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

- All or 100 per cent of newly diagnosed cancer patients commenced radiation treatment within the 28 day benchmark;
- All or 100 per cent of cardiac bypass surgeries were performed within the 182 day benchmark;
- Six out of 10 (63 per cent) cataract cases on the first eye were performed within 112 days;
- Nearly eight out of 10 (76 per cent) hip replacements were completed within the recommended benchmark of 182 days;
- Seven out of 10 (72 per cent) knee replacements were completed within the recommended benchmark of 182 days; and,
- Almost all (or 98 per cent) of patients underwent hip fracture surgery within the benchmark of 48 hours.

### Provincial Wait Times Data 2019-20 Quarters 1 and 2: April 1 to September 30, 2019

| Newfoundland and Labrador Wait Times (April - September, 2019-2020)   |   |   |   |                                |
|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Service Area  | Pan-Canadian Benchmarks                                       | 50 <sup>th</sup><br>Percentile<br>Wait Time | 90 <sup>th</sup><br>Percentile<br>Wait Time | Percent<br>Within<br>Benchmark |
| Curative Radiotherapy   | Within 4 weeks (28 days) of being ready to treat.             | • 16 days                                   | • 22 days                                   | • 100%                         |
| Coronary Bypass Surgery (CABG)  | Level 1, 2, 3 combined (182 days)                             | • 9 days                                    | • 149 days                                  | • 100%                         |
| Cataracts (First eye)   | Within 16 weeks (112 days) for patients who are at high risk. | • 95 days                                   | • 209 days                                  | • 63%                          |
| Hip Replacement   | Within 26 weeks (182 days)                                    | • 113 days                                  | • 229 days                                  | • 76%                          |
| Knee Replacement  | Within 26 weeks (182 days)                                    | • 133 days                                  | • 280 days                                  | • 72%                          |
| Hip Fracture Repair   | Fixation within 48 hours                                      | • 22 hours                                  | • 37 hours                                  | • 98%                          |
| Source: Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), Newfoundland and Labrador<br>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.<br>Date: February 15, 2020 |   |   |   |                                |