

Provincial Wait Time Benchmark Update Q1/Q2 2022-2023

Provincial wait time information from April 1 to September 30 (Q1/Q2) of 2022-2023 shows that on average shows that on average 94 per cent of radiation treatment, cardiac bypass, and hip fracture patients accessed care within the benchmarks. However, as result of the necessary health system service reductions associated which occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, on average 39 per cent of patients received access to non-urgent cataract, hip and knee replacement benchmarked procedures within the recommended targets.

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

- Nine out of 10 or (94 per cent) of newly diagnosed cancer patients commenced radiation treatment within the 28 day benchmark;
- Close to nine out of 10 (or 89 per cent) of cardiac bypass surgeries were performed within the 182 day benchmark;
- Close to four out of 10 or (39 per cent) of cataract cases on the first eye were performed within 112 days;
- Four out of 10 or (45 per cent) hip replacements were completed within the recommended benchmark of 182 days;
- Close to four out of 10 or (36 per cent) knee replacements were completed within the recommended benchmark of 182 days; and,
- Almost all (or 96 per cent) of patients underwent emergent hip fracture surgery within the benchmark of 48 hours.

Provincial Wait Times Data 2022-23 Quarters 1 and 2: April 1 to September 30, 2022

Newfoundland and Labrador Wait Times (April - September, 2022-2023)				
Service Area	Pan-Canadian Benchmarks	50 th Percentile Wait Time	90 th Percentile Wait Time	Percent Within Benchmark
Curative Radiotherapy	Within 4 weeks (28 days) of being ready to treat.	• 17 days	• 26 days	• 94%
Coronary Bypass Surgery (CABG)	Level 1, 2, 3 combined (182 days)	• 10 days	• 192 days	• 89%
Cataracts (First eye)	Within 16 weeks (112 days) for patients who are at high risk.	• 151 days	• 433 days	• 39%
Hip Replacement	Within 26 weeks (182 days)	• 197 days	• 505 days	• 45%
Knee Replacement	Within 26 weeks (182 days)	• 252 days	• 552 days	• 36%
Hip Fracture Repair	Fixation within 48 hours	• 24 hours	• 40 hours	• 96%
<small>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 Regional Health Authorities are working to address this. Date: March 15, 2023</small>				