



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
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## Wait Time Information - Bladder 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 Bladder Cancer Surgery?**

Bladder cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the group of cancers of the bladder.

### **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

#### **Western Health**

Western Memorial Regional Hospital - Corner Brook

### **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.

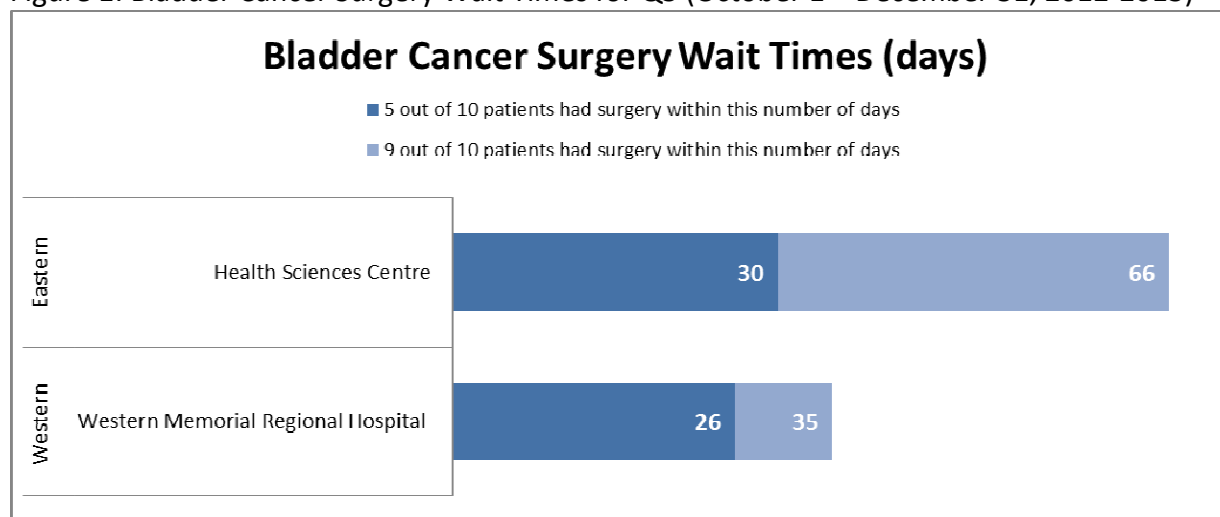
Table 1: Bladder Cancer Surgery Wait Times for Q3 (October 1 – December 31, 2012-2013)

Regional Health Authority	Number of Procedures	5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days
Hospital			
<b>Eastern</b>			
Health Sciences Centre	32	30	66
<b>Western</b>			
Western Memorial Regional Hospital	9	26	35

Source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador

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