

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

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

Captain William Jackman Memorial Hospital - 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 Q4 (January 1 to March 31, 2011- 2012)

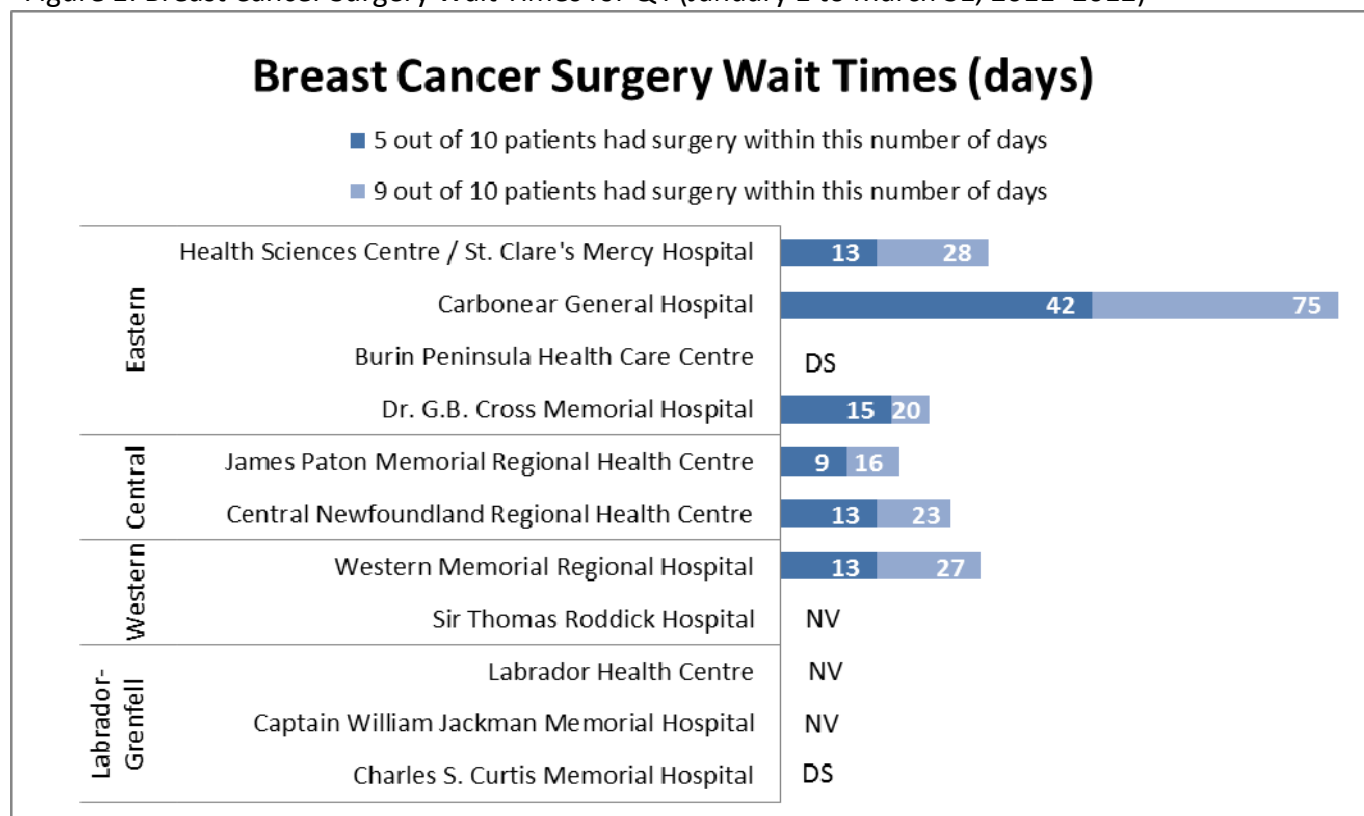
Regional Health Authority	Number of Procedures	5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days
Hospital			
Eastern			
Health Sciences Centre / St. Clare's Mercy Hospital	67	13	28
Carbonear General Hospital	6	42	75
Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre	DS	DS	DS
Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital	7	15	20
Central			
James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre	13	9	16
Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre	7	13	23
Western			
Western Memorial Regional Hospital	11	13	27
Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital	0	NV	NV
Labrador-Grenfell			
Labrador Health Centre	0	NV	NV
Captain William Jackman Memorial Hospital	0	NV	NV
Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital	DS	DS	DS

Source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador

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