

## Wait Time Information-Colorectal 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 Colorectal Cancer Surgery?**

Colorectal cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the group of cancers found in the area of the small or large intestine and rectum for cancer.

### **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  
Carbonear General Hospital - Carbonear  
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: Colorectal Cancer Surgery Wait Times for Q3 (October 1 to December 31, 2011- 2012)

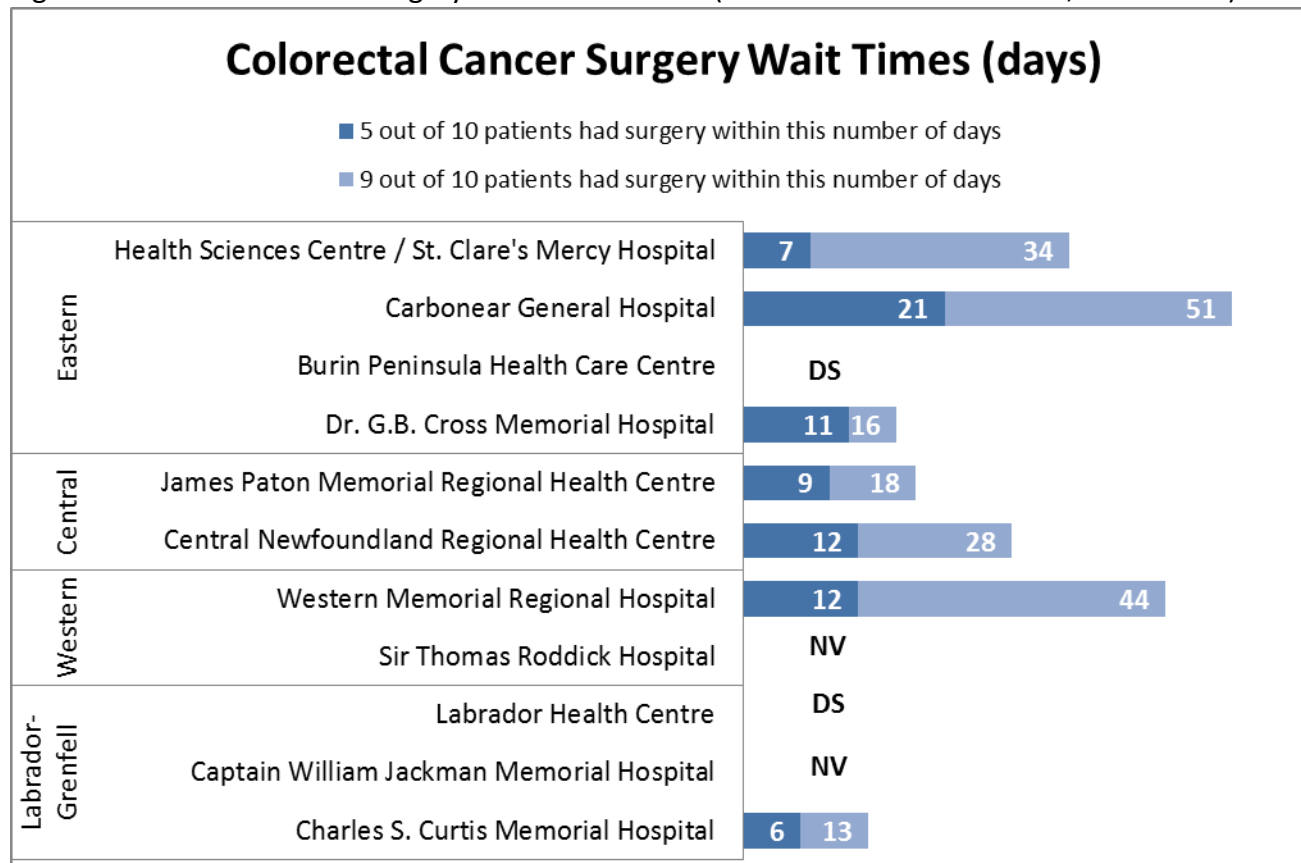
| Regional Health Authority                           | Number of Procedures | 5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days | 9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days |
|---|----------------------|---|---|
| Hospital  |                      |   |   |
| <b>Eastern</b>                                      |                      |   |   |
| Health Sciences Centre / St. Clare's Mercy Hospital | 62                   | 7   | 34  |
| Carbonear General Hospital                          | 6                    | 21  | 51  |
| Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre                  | DS                   | DS  | DS  |
| Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital                    | 6                    | 11  | 16  |
| <b>Central</b>                                      |                      |   |   |
| James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre         | 7                    | 9   | 18  |
| Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre         | 14                   | 12  | 28  |
| <b>Western</b>                                      |                      |   |   |
| Western Memorial Regional Hospital                  | 16                   | 12  | 44  |
| Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital                         | 0                    | NV  | NV  |
| <b>Labrador-Grenfell</b>                            |                      |   |   |
| Labrador Health Centre                              | DS                   | DS  | DS  |
| Captain William Jackman Memorial Hospital           | 0                    | NV  | NV  |
| Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital                 | 6                    | 6   | 13  |

Source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador

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