



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Health and Community Services

## 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

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 Q4 (January 1 to March 31, 2011- 2012)

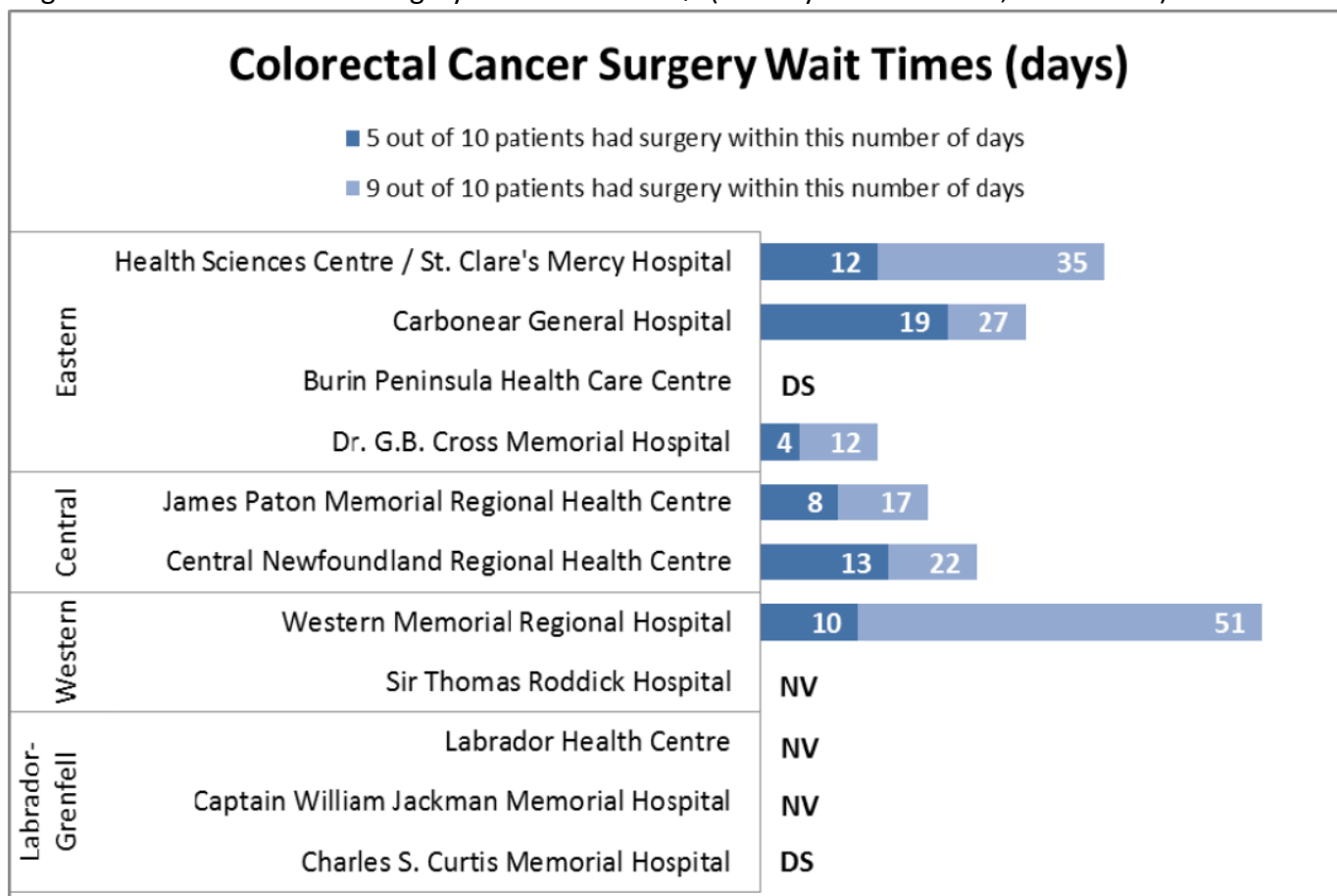
Regional Health Authority	Number of Procedures	5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days
Hospital			
<b>Eastern</b>			
Health Sciences Centre / St. Clare's Mercy Hospital	63	12	35
Carbonear General Hospital	10	19	27
Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre	DS	DS	DS
Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital	6	4	12
<b>Central</b>			
James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre	8	8	17
Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre	17	13	22
<b>Western</b>			
Western Memorial Regional Hospital	15	10	51
Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital	0	NV	NV
<b>Labrador-Grenfell</b>			
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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