

Wait Time Information - Total Hip Replacement Surgery

Q: What is a hip replacement?

A **hip replacement** (total hip replacement) is an orthopaedic surgical procedure in which the hip joint is replaced with man-made devices called prostheses. Replacing the hip joint consists of replacing both the ball (femoral head) and the socket (acetabulum).

Q: Where will I be referred to have this surgery?

Ask your doctor/specialist where you can have your hip replacement surgery, as this procedure is performed in the following hospitals:

Eastern Health

General Hospital - Health Sciences Centre – St. John's
St. Clare's Mercy Hospital – St. John's

Central Health

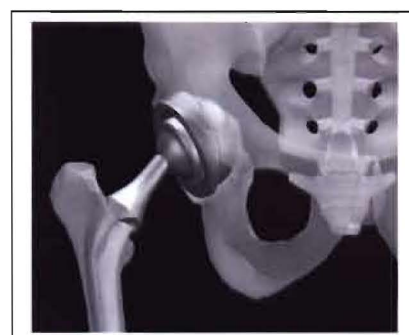
James Paton Memorial Hospital – Gander

Western Health

Western Memorial Regional Hospital – Corner Brook

Labrador-Grenfell Health

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 orthopaedic surgeon decide to proceed with surgery to when the procedure is completed.

Q: What is the benchmark wait time for hip replacement surgery?

The national benchmark for hip replacement is 182 days. This means that orthopaedic surgeons and the health regions are working together to perform the majority of hip replacements within the 182-day target. The most recent wait times for hip replacement surgery in the regional health authorities are:

Table 1: Hip Replacement Surgery by Region for Q4 (January 1 to March 31, 2011-2012)

Region	Eastern Health	Central Health	Western Health	Labrador-Grenfell Health
Wait Time Information				
Number of hip replacement procedures completed	88	19	9	DS
5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	75	54	92	DS
9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	308	136	146	DS
Percentage of patients who had surgery within 182 days	79%	93%	86%	DS

Data source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador