

Wait Time Information - Total Knee Replacement Surgery

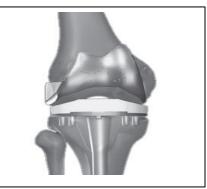
Q: What is a knee replacement?

A knee replacement (total knee replacement) is an orthopaedic surgical procedure in which the end of your thigh bone (femur), the top of your shin bone (tibia), and the back of your kneecap are replaced with man-made parts called prostheses.

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

Ask your doctor/specialist where you can have your knee 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 knee replacement surgery?

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

Region Wait Time Information	Eastern Health	Central Health	Western Health	Labrador- Grenfell Health
Number of knee replacement procedures completed	132	61	56	13
5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	108	153	57	70
9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	184	273	176	111
Percentage of patients who had surgery within 182 days	87%	68%	96%	100% in 141 days

Table 1: Knee Replacement Surgery by Region for Q1 (April 1 – June 30, 2015-2016)

Data source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador