



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Health and Community Services

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

Prostate cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the group of cancers found in the prostate 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

#### **Central Health**

Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre - Grand Falls-Windsor

#### **Western Health**

Western Memorial Regional Hospital - Corner Brook

### **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. In Central Health it is the physician practice to schedule surgery 42 – 56 days after a prostate biopsy.

### **Q: What is the benchmark wait time for cancer surgery?**

There is no national benchmark for this surgical procedure.

**Table 1: Prostate Cancer Surgery Wait Times for Q1 (April 1 – June 30, 2016-2017)**

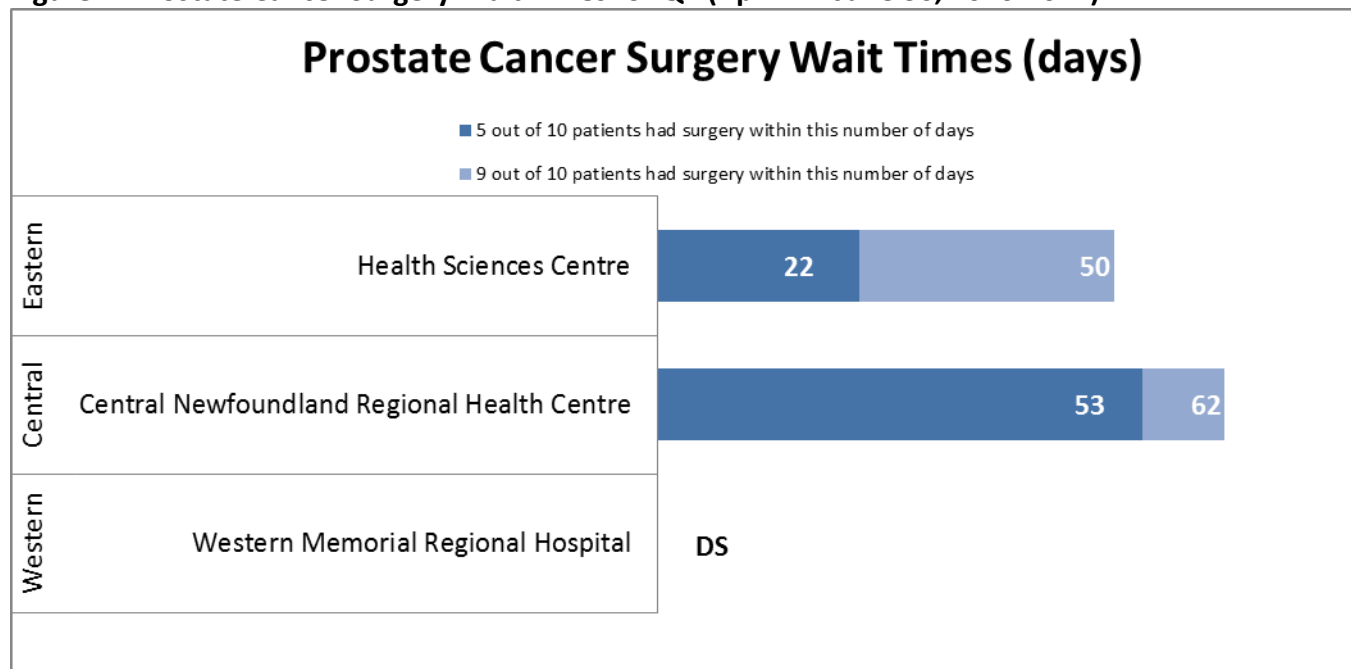
Regional Health Authority	Number of Procedures	5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days
Hospital			
<b>Eastern</b>			
Health Sciences Centre	30	22	50
<b>Central</b>			
Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre	8	53	62
<b>Western</b>			
Western Memorial Regional Hospital	DS	DS	DS

Source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador

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