

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Health and Community Services

# Wait Time Information - Bladder 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 Bladder Cancer Surgery?

Bladder cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the group of cancers of the bladder.

## 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.

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

There is no national benchmark for this surgical procedure.

#### Table 1: Bladder Cancer Surgery Wait Times for Q2 (July 1- September 30, 2014-2015)

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Regional Health Authority	Number of	5 out of 10 patients had	9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number
Hospital	Procedures	surgery within this number of days	of days
Eastern			
Health Sciences Centre	29	20	74
Central			
Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre	9	40	54
Western			
Western Memorial Regional Hospital	DS	DS	DS
Source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador			

Source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador Date: January 15, 2015

Figure 1: Bladder Cancer Surgery Wait Times for Q2 (July 1- September 30, 2014-2015)

Bladder Cancer Surgery Wait Times (days)						
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Central	Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre	40 54				
Western	Western Memorial Regional Hospital	DS				

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