


# Island Health Performance Measures

## Surgeries Waiting Longer Than Clinical Benchmark



Year to Date Performance	<b>46.8%</b>	Performance Assessment	 <b>Red</b>
Island Health Target	Less than or equal to <b>39.7%</b>	Performance is significantly outside acceptable range; take action and monitor progress.	

### What do we measure and why?

Shorter wait times for scheduled surgeries indicate better access to health care. Receiving surgery promptly is important to patient wellbeing.

Wait time is defined as the period of time from when the hospital receives a request for surgery until when the surgery is performed. This measures the percentage of scheduled surgeries performed that waited less than or equal to the clinical wait time benchmark for their particular surgery.

Only scheduled surgeries are included. Most heart surgeries and corneal transplant surgeries are excluded from this measure as well as surgeries where the priority level is unknown.

The reduction of wait times and waitlists is an Island Health priority.

### What is the target?

The target for 2023/24 is that no more than 39.7% of surgery cases wait longer than the clinical benchmark. This target is based on BC's rate in 2018/2019.

Lower rates are better.

### How are we doing?

As of November 2023, Island Health was not meeting the target for this measure.

### What actions are we taking?

Surgical services are provided at eight hospitals across Island Health and two outpatient surgical clinics.

For 2023/24, the focus is maintaining and expanding surgical capacity, and improving surgical access for urgent patients and those who have been waiting more than 52 weeks.