


Year to Date Performance	<b>34%</b>	Performance Assessment	 <b>Red</b>
Island Health Target	<b>Greater than or equal to 85%</b>	Performance is significantly outside acceptable range; take action and monitor progress.	

### What do we measure and why?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a medical imaging technique that uses magnetism, radio waves, and a computer to form pictures of organs and structures inside the body.

This indicator measures the percentage of MRI exams that were performed within defined time periods based on urgency. The Benchmarks are:

- STAT within 1 day;
- As Soon As Possible within 7 days;
- Semi-Urgent within 30 days;
- Routine within 60 days.

All four priority levels are included in this indicator.

MRI can create images of bones, blood vessels, the spinal cord, muscles, organs or joints. These images are important for determining a diagnosis and the best treatment. Waiting for an MRI exam can cause patient anxiety and could delay treatment. Island Health's goals is to minimize wait times.

### What is the target?

The target is that 85% of exams be performed within the benchmark timeframe. This target was based on the Ministry of Health target for all BC health authorities.

Higher rates are better.

### How are we doing?

Island Health did not meet the target for MRI exam wait times in the 2022/23 fiscal year. No health authority within BC is currently meeting the 85% target.

### What actions are we taking?

Island Health has completed more MRI exams than planned in each of the past two years.

Staff recruitment challenges have slowed progress towards wait time benchmarks, but MRI access and capacity is being expanded where possible.