


Island Health Performance Measures

Surgeries Waiting Longer Than Clinical Benchmark



Year to Date Performance	41.3%	Performance Assessment		Yellow
Island Health Target	Less than or equal to 39.7%	Performance is outside acceptable range; monitor and take action as appropriate.		

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 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 2022/23 is that no more than 39.7% of surgery cases have been waiting longer than the clinical benchmark. This target is based on the Ministry of Health System Performance Report's target (39.7%), which was BC's rate in 2018/2019.

Lower rates are better.

How are we doing?

Island Health did not meet the target for this measure in the 2022/23 fiscal year.

What actions are we taking?

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

For 2022/23, the focus was on maintaining and expanding surgical capacity, and improving access for urgent patients and those who have been waiting more than 52 weeks.