

Wait Time Information - Total Hip Replacement Surgery

Q: What is a hip replacement?

A **hip replacement** (total hip replacement) is an orthopaedic surgical procedure in which the hip joint is replaced with man-made devices called prostheses. Replacing the hip joint consists of replacing both the ball (femoral head) and the socket (acetabulum).

Q: Where will I be referred to have this surgery?

Ask your doctor/specialist where you can have your hip replacement surgery, as this procedure is performed in the following hospitals:

Eastern Urban Zone

General Hospital - Health Sciences Centre – St. John’s
St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital – St. John’s

Eastern Rural Zone

Carbonear General Hospital – Carbonear

Central Zone

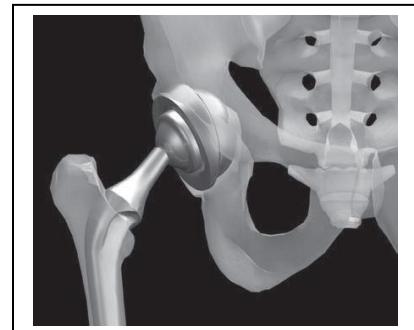
James Paton Memorial Hospital – Gander

Western Zone

Western Memorial Regional Hospital – Corner Brook

Labrador-Grenfell Zone

Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital – St. Anthony



Q: How are wait times measured?

For this operation, the wait time is measured from when you and your orthopaedic surgeon decide to proceed with surgery to when the procedure is completed.

Q: What is the benchmark wait time for hip replacement surgery?

The national benchmark for hip replacement is 182 days. This means that orthopaedic surgeons and the Zones are working together to perform the majority of hip replacements within the 182-day target. The most recent wait times for hip replacement surgery are:

Table 1: Hip Replacement Surgery by Zone for Q1 (April 1 – June 30, 2024-2025)

Zone	Eastern Zones	Central Zone	Western Zone	Labrador-Grenfell Zone
Wait Time Information				
Number of hip replacement procedures completed	118	54	35	26
5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	289	234	92	186
9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	714	657	402	605
Percentage of patients who had surgery within 182 days	28%	31%	71%	50%

Data source: Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services (NLHS), Newfoundland and Labrador