



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Health and Community Services

Wait Time Information - Colorectal 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 Colorectal Cancer Surgery?

Colorectal cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the group of cancers found in the area of the small or large intestine and rectum for cancer.

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 Zones

General Hospital - Health Sciences Centre - St. John's

St. Clare's Mercy Hospital - St. John's

Carbonear General Hospital - Carbonear

Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre - Burin

Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital - Clarenville

Central Zone

James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre - Gander

Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre - Grand Falls-Windsor

Western Zone

Western Memorial Regional Hospital - Corner Brook

Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital - Stephenville

Labrador-Grenfell Zone

Labrador Health Centre - Happy Valley-Goose Bay

Labrador West Health Centre - Labrador City

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 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: Colorectal Cancer Surgery Wait Times for Q1 (April 1 – June 30, 2024-2025)

Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services	Number of Procedures	5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days
Zone, Hospital			
Eastern			
Health Sciences Centre / St. Clare's Mercy Hospital	NC	NC	NC
Carbonear General Hospital	NC	NC	NC
Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre	NC	NC	NC
Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital	NC	NC	NC
Central			
James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre	NC	NC	NC
Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre	NC	NC	NC
Western			
Western Memorial Regional Hospital	13	17	32
Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital	NV	NV	NV
Labrador-Grenfell			
Labrador Health Centre	NV	NV	NV
Labrador West Health Centre	NV	NV	NV
Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital	NV	NV	NV

Source: Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services (NLHS), Newfoundland and Labrador

DS: Data Suppression – This indicates that a hospital performed 5 or less cases during the reporting period. To protect patient privacy, wait times associated with these small volumes are not be reported.

NC: Non-Compliant – This indicates that a region or hospital did not report wait times data to the Department by the deadline for publication on this website.

NV: No Volume – This indicates that a hospital did not perform this service during the reporting period, or that zero cases were carried out.

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