

Wait Time Information - Total Knee Replacement Surgery

Q: What is a knee replacement?

A knee replacement (total knee replacement) is an orthopaedic surgical procedure in which the end of your thigh bone (femur), the top of your shin bone (tibia), and the back of your kneecap are replaced with man-made parts called prostheses.

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

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

Eastern Zone

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

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 knee replacement surgery?

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

Table 1: Knee Replacement Surgery by Zone for Q1 (April 1 – June 30, 2023-2024)

Zone	Eastern Zones	Central Zone	Western Zone	Labrador- Grenfell Zone
Wait Time Information				
Number of knee replacement procedures completed	166	56	65	34
5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	449	250	114	259
9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	665	645	306	501
Percentage of patients who had surgery within 182 days	22%	34%	70%	41%

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