



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Health and Community Services

## Wait Time Information - Lung 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 Lung Cancer Surgery?

Lung cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the group of cancers found in the lung region.

### 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 Health

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

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

### 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.

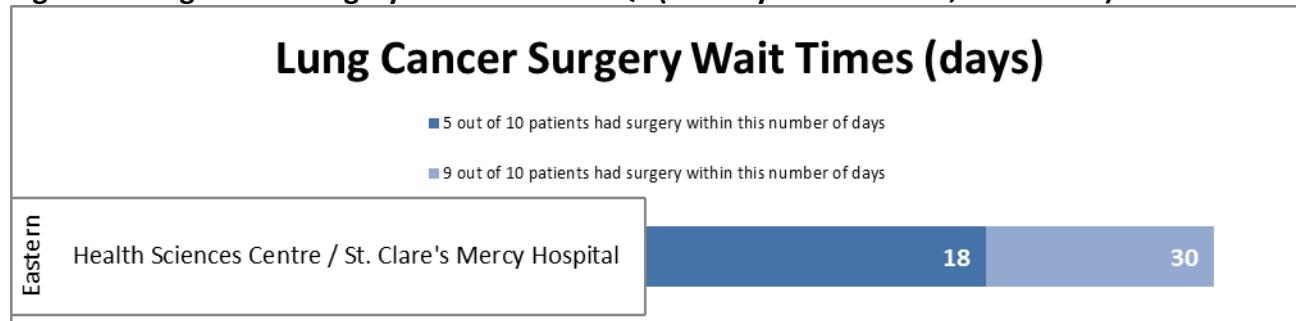
**Table 1: Lung Cancer Surgery Wait Times for Q4 (January 1 – March 31, 2022-2023)**

| Regional Health Authority                           | 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 |
|---|----------------------|---|---|
| Hospital  |                      |   |   |
| <b>Eastern</b>                                      |                      |   |   |
| Health Sciences Centre / St. Clare's Mercy Hospital | 10                   | 18  | 30  |

Source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador

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