

## Wait Time Information - Total Knee Replacement Surgery

### Q: What is a knee replacement?

A knee replacement (total knee replacement) is an orthopedic 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 Health

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

#### Central Health

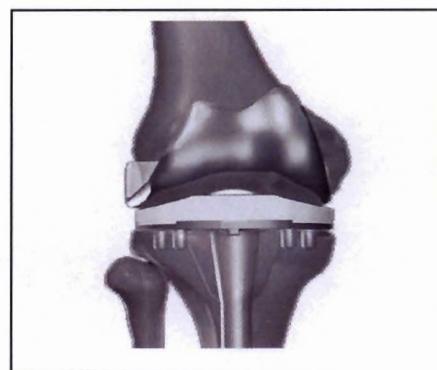
James Paton Memorial Hospital – Gander

#### Western Health

Western Memorial Regional Hospital – Corner Brook

#### Labrador-Grenfell Health

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 health regions are working together to perform the majority of knee replacements within the 182-day target. The most recent wait times for knee replacement surgery in the RHAs are:

Table 1: Knee Replacement Surgery by Region for Q1 (April 1 to June 30, 2010-2011)

Region	Eastern Health	Central Health	Western Health	Labrador-Grenfell Health
<b>Wait Time Information</b>				
Number of knee replacement procedures completed	102	49	35	11
5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	195 days	57 days	63 days	35 days
9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days	508 days	123 days	128 days	118 days
Percentage of patients who had surgery within 182 days	46%	100%	100%	90%

Data source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador

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