

Island Health Performance Measures

Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions Hospitalizations



Year to Date
Performance

355

Island Health
Target

Less than or equal to
353

Performance
Assessment



Yellow

Performance is outside acceptable range; monitor and take action as appropriate.

What do we measure and why?

Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions (ACSC) are a nationally pre-defined set of conditions that might not require hospital care if optimal care is provided outside of the hospital.

ACSC Hospitalizations is the rate of acute care discharges with selected ACSC diagnoses among people of all ages, expressed as a rate per 100,000 population.

The number of hospital stays designated ACSC is considered to be an indirect measure of access to appropriate primary health care. While not all hospitalizations for ACSCs are avoidable, it is assumed that good primary health care could prevent the onset of such conditions, control or avoid acute episodes of these conditions, and improve management of chronic conditions.

What is the target?

Island Health's target for 2023/24 is a rate less than or equal to 353 per 100,000.

Lower rates are better.

How are we doing?

As of June 2024, Island Health's rate was not yet meeting target.

Chronic lower respiratory diseases (excluding asthma) and Heart failure and pulmonary edema continue to be the two most common ACSC groups among Island Health residents.

What actions are we taking?

Island Health continues to work on ways to effectively support individuals who have chronic conditions outside of the hospital, including expanding urgent and primary care centres and urgent referrals from emergency departments. Multidisciplinary care teams help support patients and strengthen chronic disease management programs.