


# Hospital Standardized Mortality Ratio

Year to Date Performance	93	Performance Assessment	 Green
Island Health Target	Less than or equal to 100	Performance is within the acceptable range; continue to monitor.	

## What do we measure and why?

Hospital Standardized Mortality Ratio (HSMR) measures whether the number of in-hospital deaths is higher or lower than expected, based on the average experience of Canadian hospitals. Factors that affect in-hospital mortality (such as patient age, sex, health conditions, length of time spent in hospital, and severity of illness at hospital admission) are taken into consideration. Palliative care and medical assistance in dying (MAID) cases are excluded from HSMR calculations.

HSMR is an indicator of health care quality and safety. Over time, HSMR can be used to track the change in mortality resulting from a broad range of factors, including changes in the quality and safety of care delivered.

## What is the target?

Island Health's target for HSMR is 100 or lower (which is the average Canadian value).

Lower values are better.

## How are we doing?

As of December 2024, Island Health's overall HSMR was meeting target.

## What actions are we taking?

Island Health is creating a new process to review in-hospital deaths. Work continues to reinforce understanding of this metric and identify appropriate action plans.