


# Same-Day Surgical Postponements

Year to Date Performance	1.3%	Performance Assessment	 Green
Island Health Target	Less than or equal to 1.4%	Performance is within the acceptable range; continue to monitor.	

## What do we measure and why?

The timeliness of treatment is vital to patients. Postponing a patient's surgery on the same day they are scheduled for surgery is distressing to a patient. The reduction of wait times and waitlists is an Island Health priority.

Postponing a surgery on the day can be due to a variety of reasons, including patient criteria not being fully met, staffing availability, hospital/site capacity, and unanticipated scheduling issues (e.g., more urgent/emergent surgeries,).

## What is the target?

Island Health's target for Same-Day Surgical Postponements is 1.4% or lower.

Lower rates are better.

## How are we doing?

As of March 2025, Island Health was meeting the target.

## What actions are we taking?

Targeted initiatives to improve surgical flow are in place at some of the larger hospital sites.