


# Island Health Performance Measures

## Surgeries Waiting Longer Than Clinical Benchmark



Year to Date Performance	56.7%	Performance Assessment	 Red
Island Health Target	Less than or equal to 39.7%	Performance is significantly outside acceptable range; take action and monitor progress.	

### What do we measure and why?

Shorter wait times for scheduled surgeries indicate better access to health care. Receiving surgery promptly is important to patient wellbeing.

Wait time is defined as the period of time from when the hospital receives a request for surgery until when the surgery is performed. This measures the percentage of scheduled surgeries performed that waited less than or equal to the clinical wait time benchmark for their particular surgery.

Only scheduled surgeries are included. Most heart surgeries and corneal transplant surgeries are excluded from this measure as well as surgeries where the priority level is unknown.

The reduction of wait times and waitlists is an Island Health priority.

### What is the target?

Island Health's target is that no more than 39.7% of surgery cases wait longer than the clinical benchmark.

Lower rates are better.

### How are we doing?

As of March 2025, Island Health was not meeting the target for this measure.

### What actions are we taking?

Reducing wait times for surgery continues to be a focus at Island Health. Work continues on maintaining and expanding surgical capacity, increasing staffing in key surgical roles, and optimizing waitlists to reduce delays.