



Public Summary

Wait Times for Priority Procedures in Canada, 2014 includes wait time data for knee and hip replacement, hip repair, cataract surgery and radiation therapy. This is CIHI's ninth year releasing wait time data on priority procedures.

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Wait Times Holding Steady Across Canada

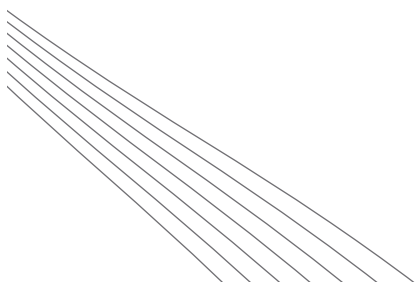
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This report indicates that wait times for five key priority procedures have plateaued over the last three years. Eight out of 10 Canadians received knee and hip replacement, hip repair, cataract surgery and radiation therapy within the accepted wait times, but health care providers are struggling to do better because more people are requiring these procedures. Many initiatives are being implemented across the country to help manage the increasing need.

This year's report also includes new data on wait times for five different types of cancer surgery. This data will be used to measure progress in future reports. The provinces are also preparing to include wait time data on intravenous chemotherapy in the coming years.

Key findings

- Eight out of 10 Canadians received priority procedures within the medically accepted benchmarks.
- Doctors performed up to 17% more procedures in 2013 than three years earlier.
- The provinces are initiating wait time reduction programs to help deal with the increasing need for these procedures.
- For the first time, all provinces reached the 90% target wait time of 28 days for radiation therapy!
- This was the first year we reported on surgery for breast, prostate, colorectal, lung and bladder cancers.



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