

Cancer Surgery

Lymph Node Dissection/Biopsy (Removal of lymph nodes)

Actual Patient Waits for Procedures Performed

(01JAN2026 to 30JUN2026)

Area of Service	Patients completed	Within 2 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	5 - 6 weeks	7 - 12 weeks	13 - 26 weeks	Longer than 26 weeks	Patients Waiting on 30JUN2026
03 Saskatoon	41	39%	46%	7%	0%	5%	2%	46
04 South West	5	Data	suppressed	because	< 20	procedures	performed.	< 5
06 Regina	25	56%	40%	4%	0%	0%	0%	< 5
Other smaller areas	6	Data	suppressed	because	< 20	procedures	performed.	< 5
99 All SK hospitals	77	51%	39%	6%	0%	3%	1%	49

* Fewer than five cases performed in the following area(s): North West, North East, South East

† 90% of cases were performed within 29 days (4.1 weeks).

Notes:

- ◆ Most of these procedures are performed by general surgeons, but they may also be performed by other specialists (e.g. urologists and gynaecologists) depending on the location of the lymph nodes.
- ◆ About half of these procedures are axillary lymph node procedures performed for breast cancer treatment.
- ◆ 52% of all lymph node dissections/biopsies reported over this time period were categorized as cancer surgeries. Only cancer surgeries are included in this table.
- ◆ 97% of lymph node dissections/biopsies reported here were categorized with a diagnosis-based priority of four weeks or less. The remainder have a diagnosis-based priority of six weeks or longer. Emergency procedures are excluded.
- ◆ Time periods where patients specify that they are unavailable for surgery are subtracted from the wait time.
- ◆ Postponed cases are included, regardless of whether the reason for postponement is patient or system related.
- ◆ The results are based on the Jul 19, 2026 refresh of the Saskatchewan Surgical Patient Registry data mart and are subject to minor changes as data is added or corrected.