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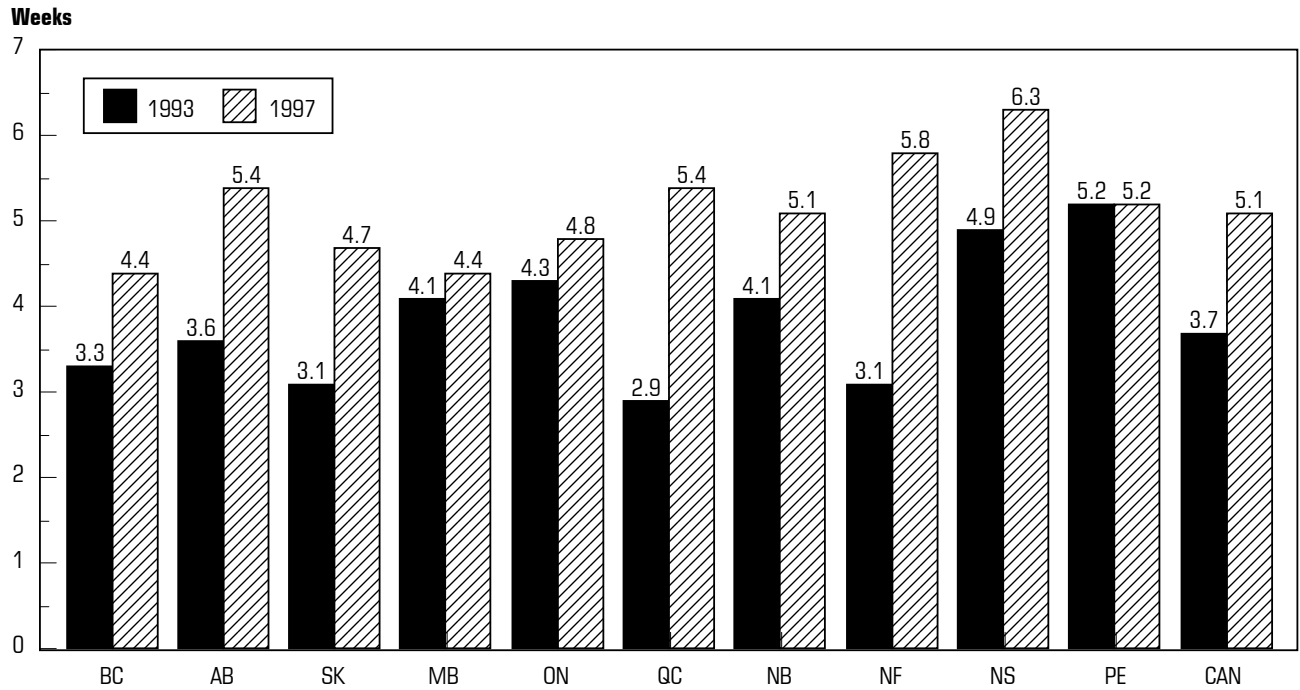
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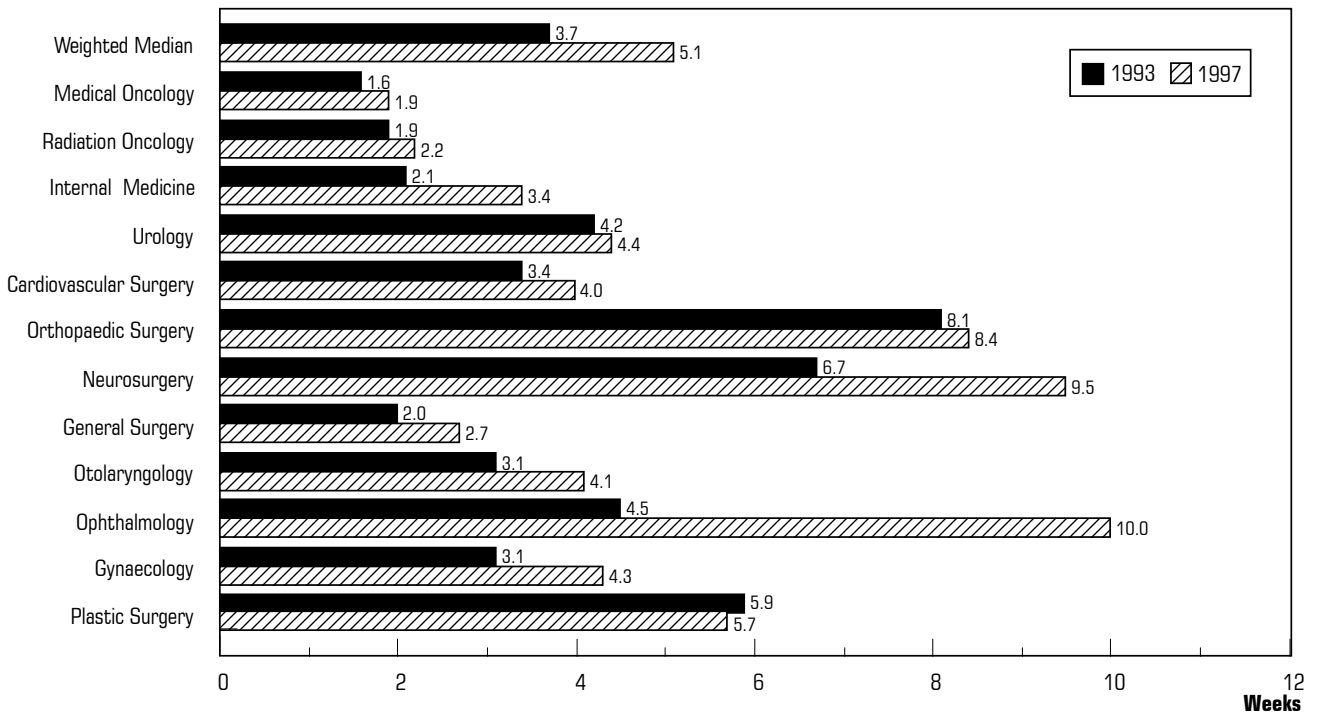
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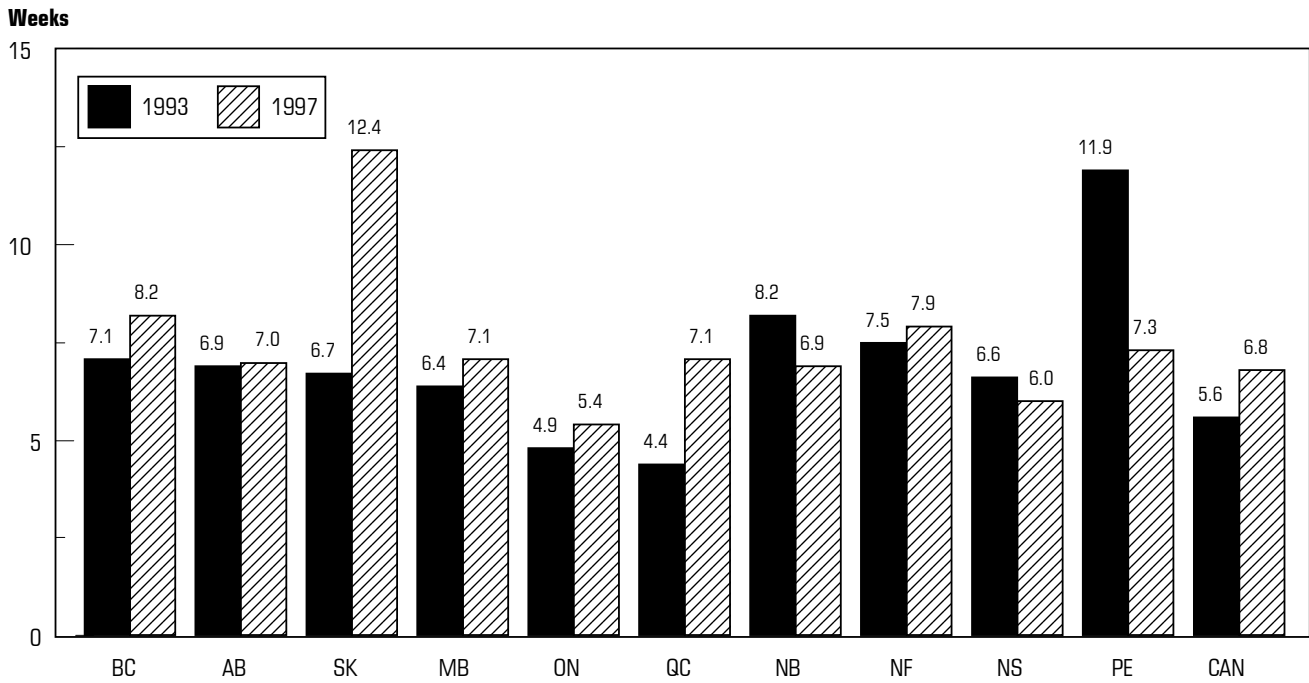
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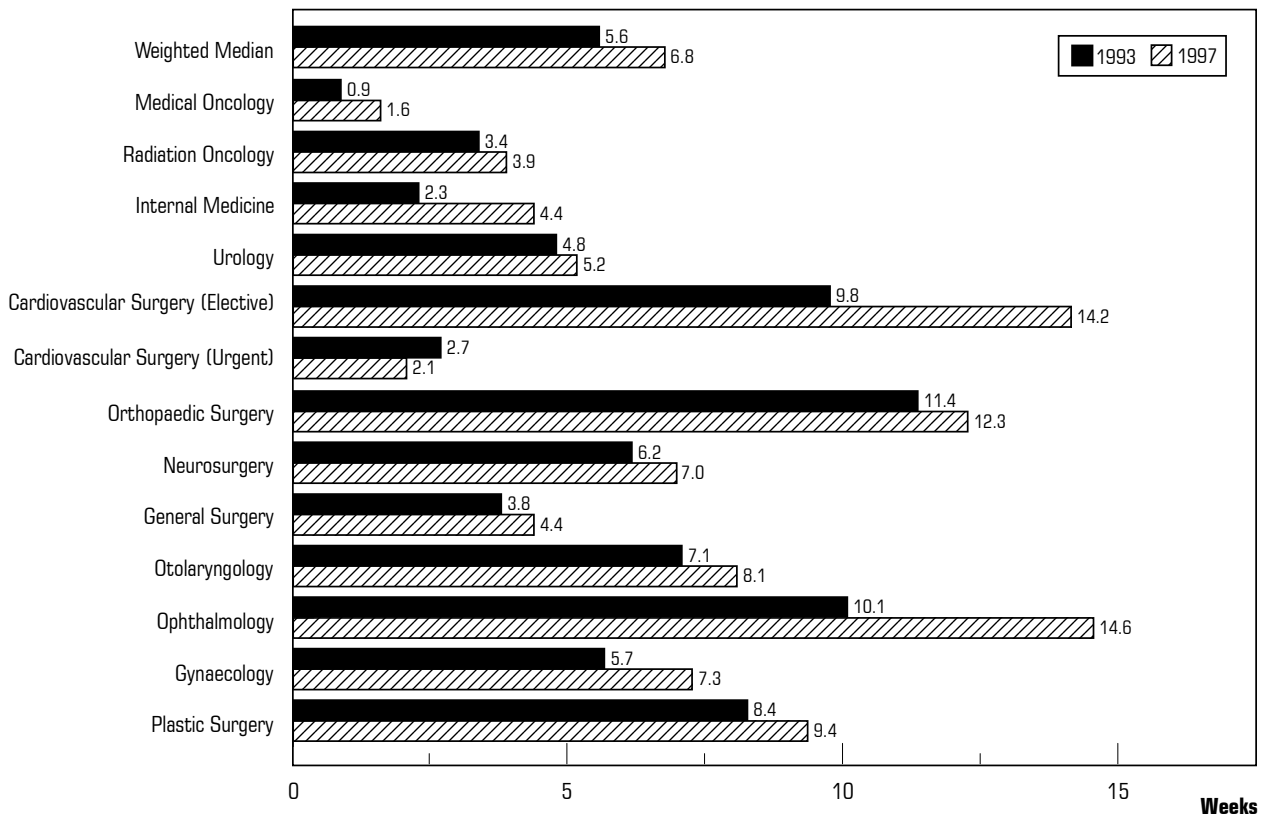
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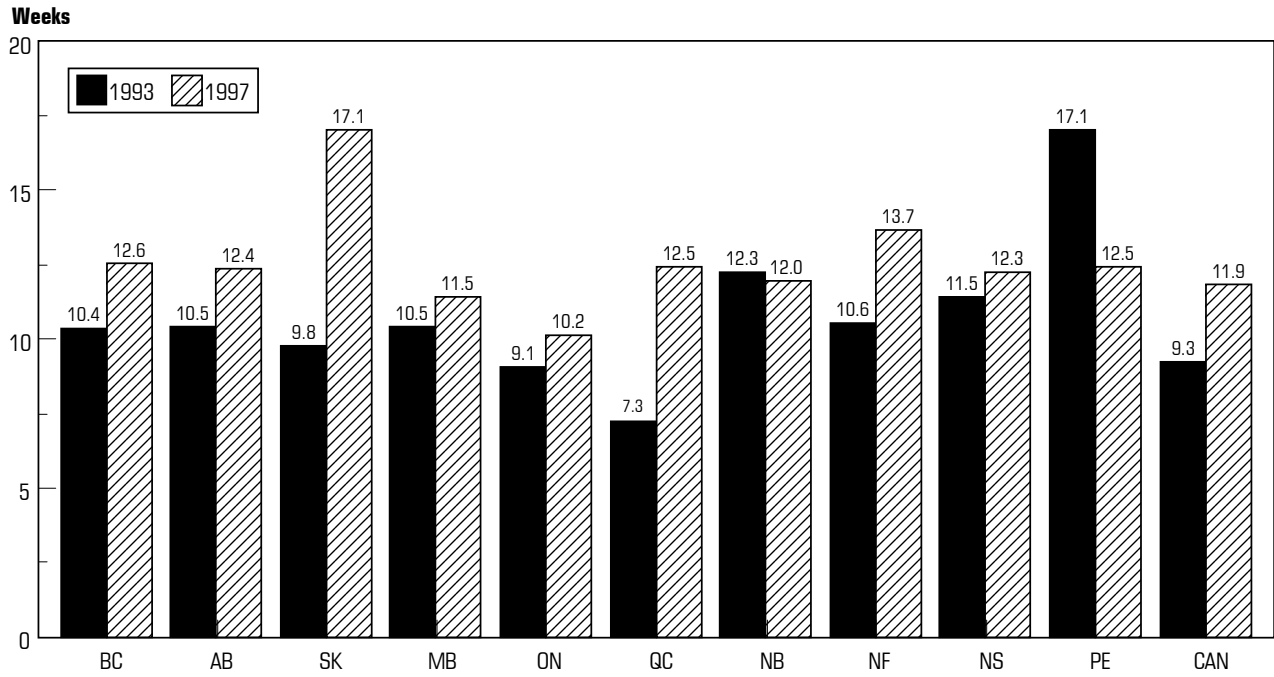
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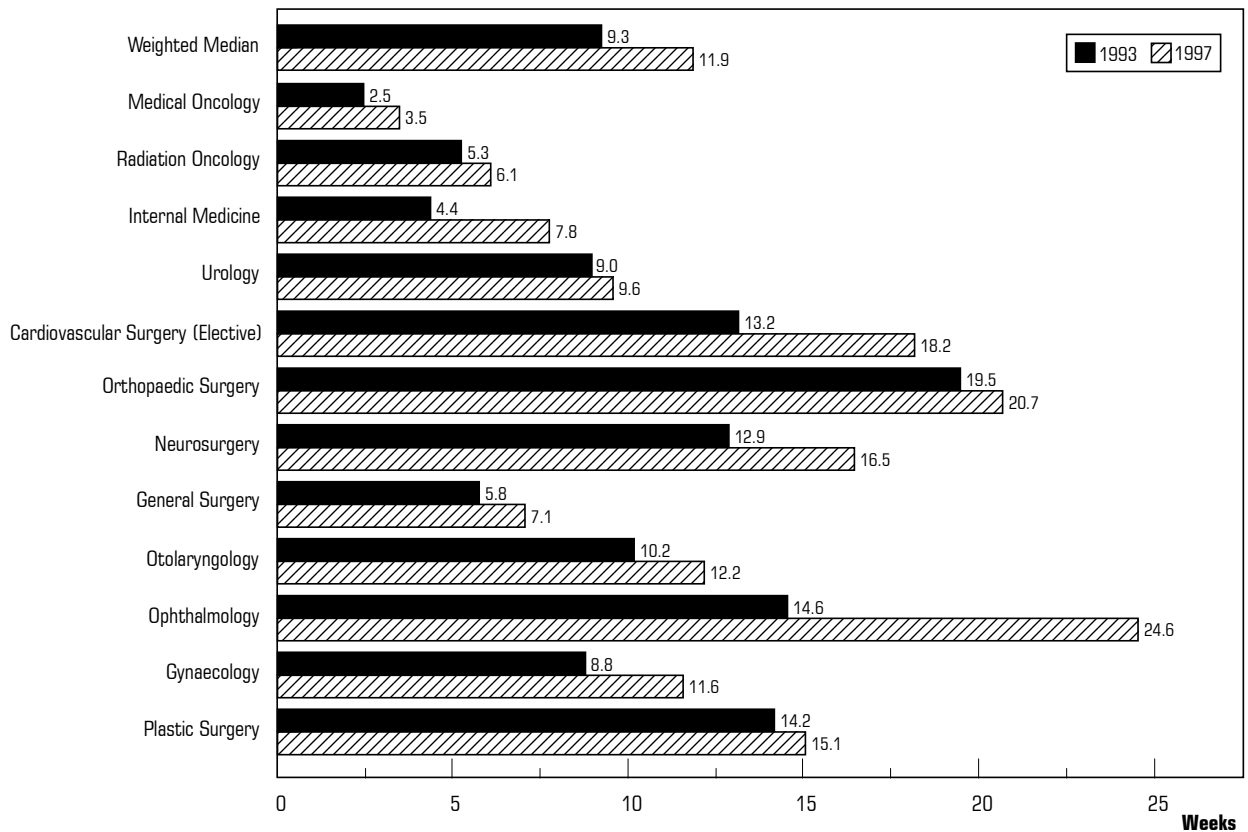
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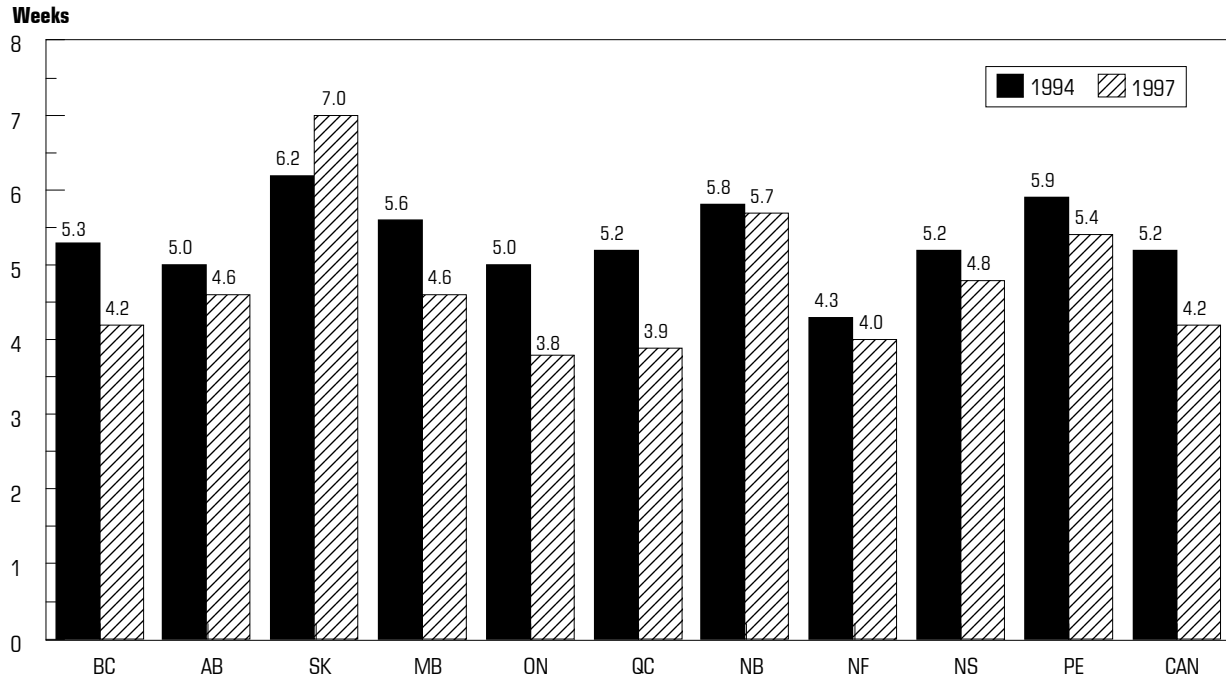
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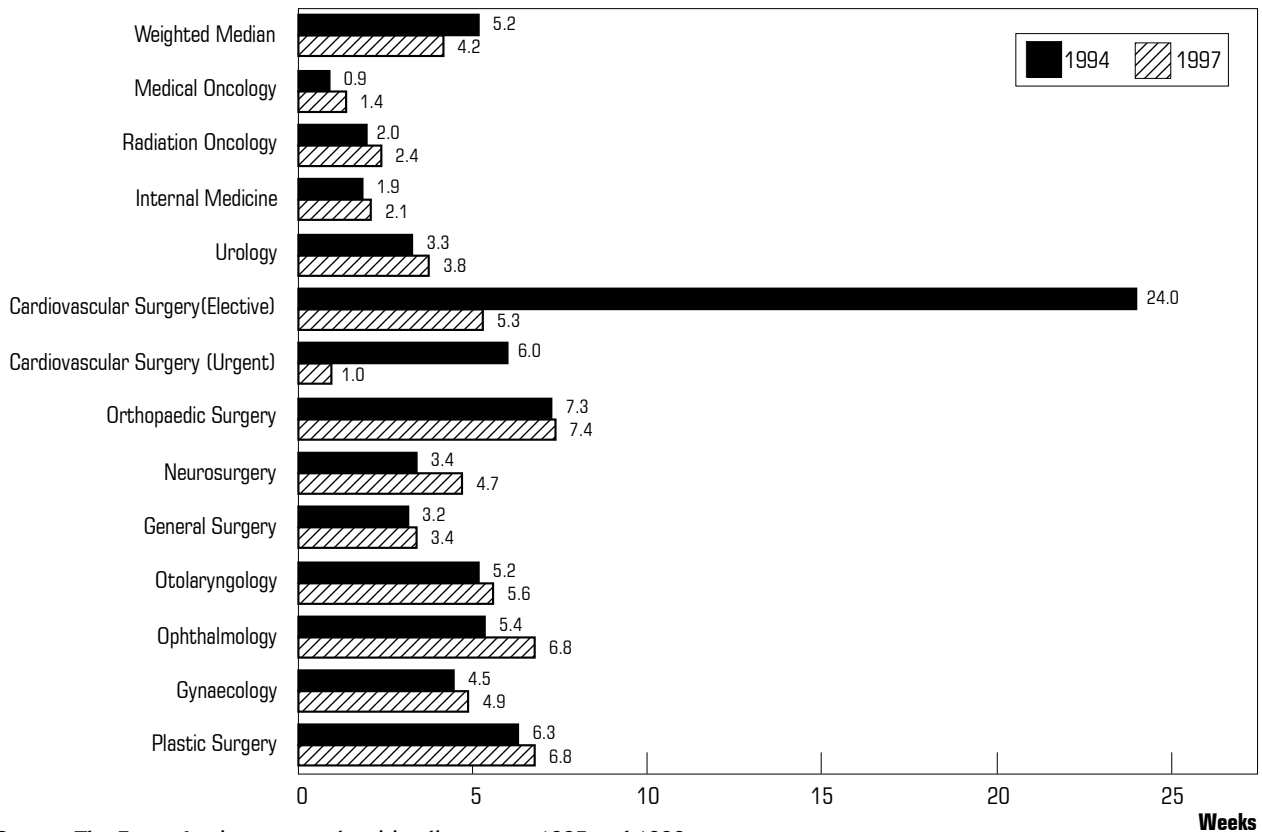
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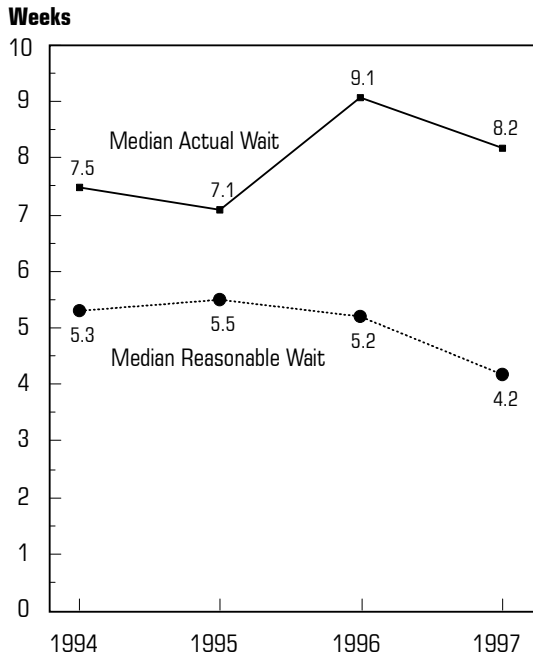
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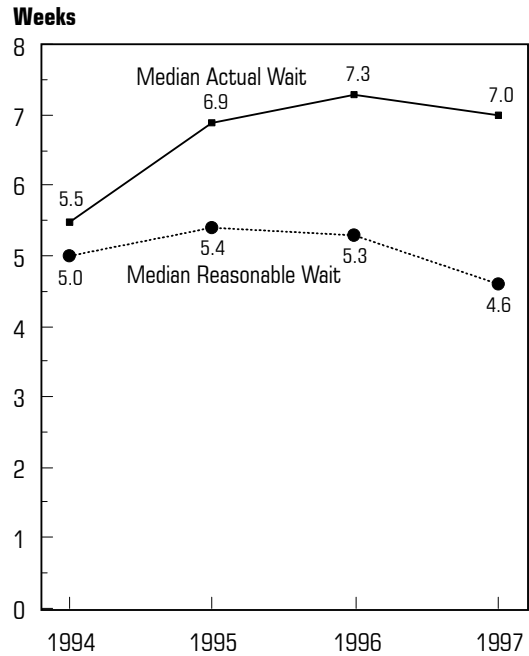
Note: Cardiovascular surgery data for 1994 are from the Ontario panel of specialists while the 1997 data are from our national specialist survey. See "Focus on Cardiovascular Surgery" for more information.

Graph 9: British Columbia—actual vs. reasonable waits from specialist to treatment, 1994 to 1997



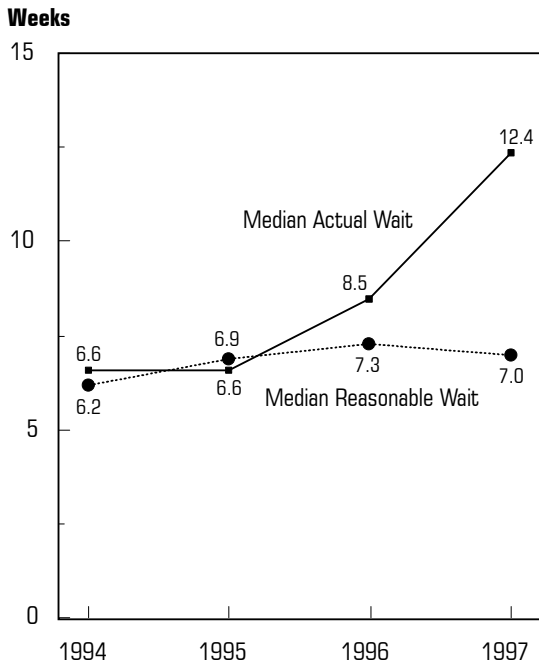
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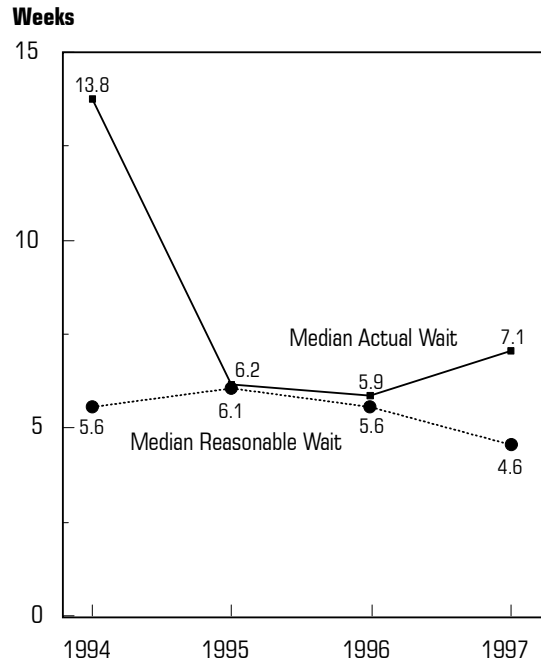
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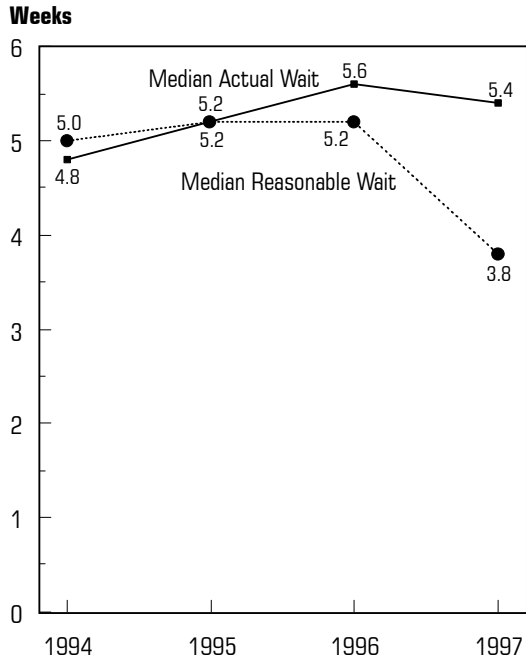
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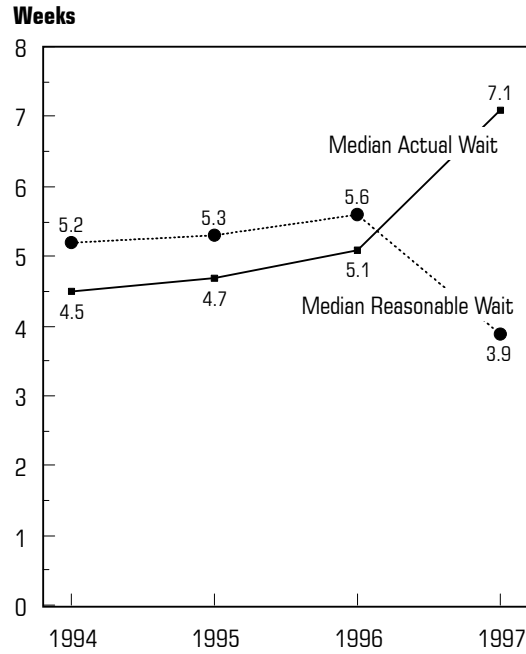
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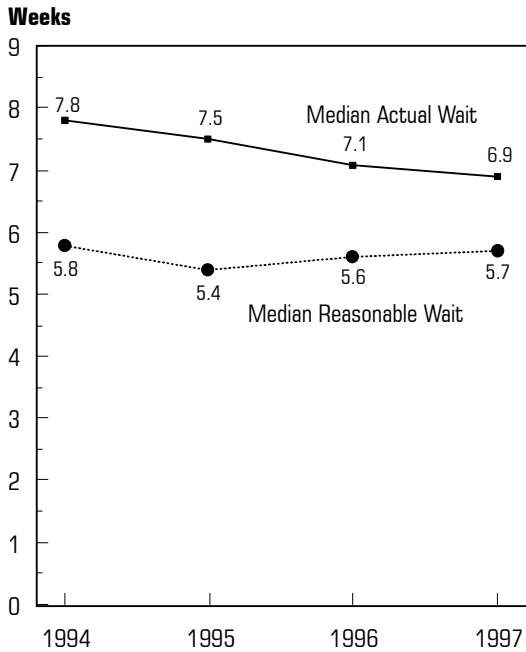
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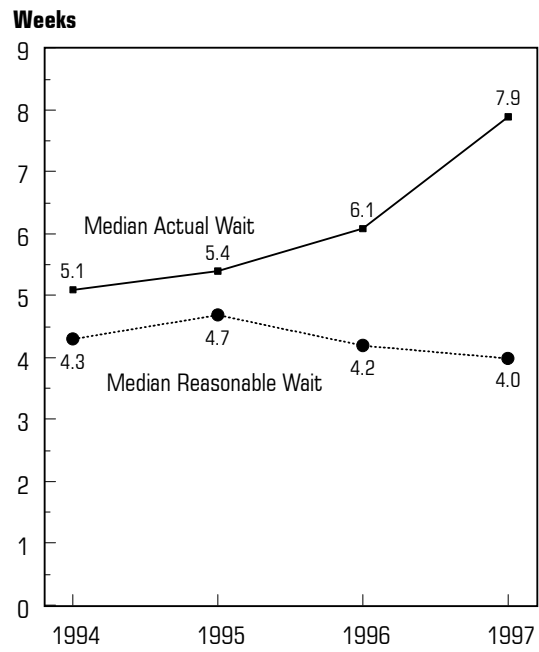
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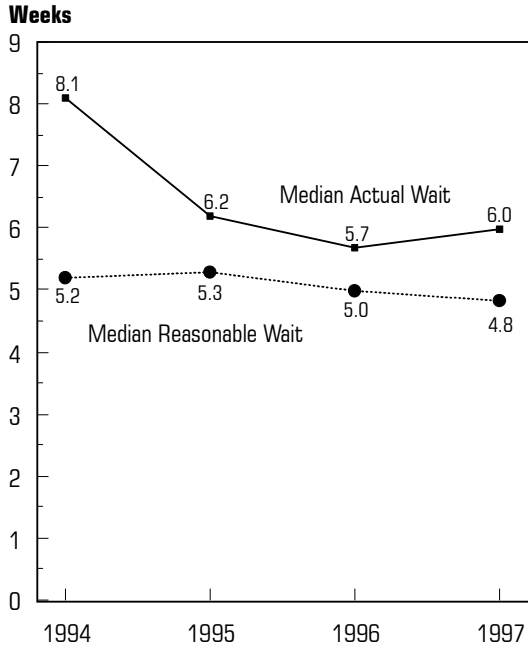


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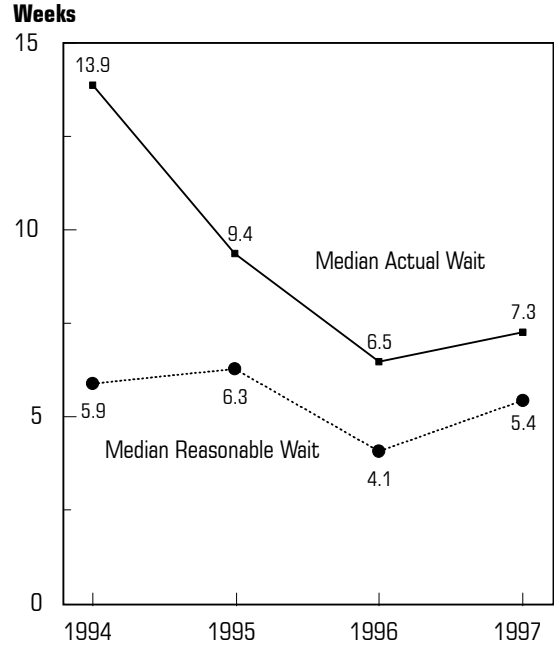
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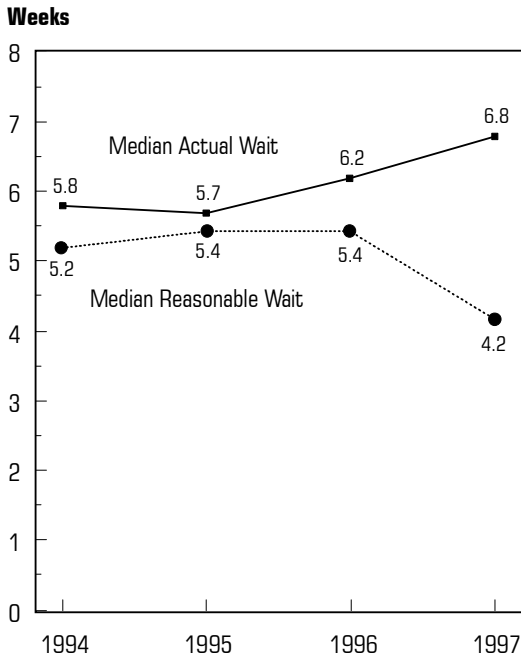
Source: The Fraser Institute, annual waiting list survey, 1995 to 1998.

Graph 18: Prince Edward Island—actual vs. reasonable waits from specialist to treatment, 1994 to 1997



Source: The Fraser Institute, annual waiting list survey, 1995 to 1998.

Graph 19: Canada—actual vs. reasonable waits from specialist to treatment, 1994 to 1997



Source: The Fraser Institute, annual waiting list survey, 1995 to 1998.

Table 1a: Summary of Responses, 1997—Response Rate (Percentages)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Total
Plastic Surgery	37%	35%	43%	46%	27%	25%	23%	50%	29%	50%	30%
Gynaecology	30%	27%	23%	32%	25%	26%	31%	45%	33%	40%	27%
Ophthalmology	37%	34%	41%	40%	26%	25%	40%	36%	24%	33%	29%
Otolaryngology	43%	21%	60%	41%	32%	27%	36%	33%	29%	100%	32%
General Surgery	28%	20%	27%	26%	27%	19%	24%	22%	36%	50%	24%
Neurosurgery	33%	37%	25%	67%	23%	24%	40%	—	25%	—	27%
Orthopaedic Surgery	39%	26%	41%	28%	30%	20%	25%	21%	38%	33%	28%
Cardiovascular Surgery	26%	27%	40%*	*	25%	7%*	75%	50%	50%	—	21%
Urology	40%	26%	29%	33%	27%	22%	33%	50%	32%	50%	29%
Internal Medicine	22%	23%	25%	19%	20%	13%	26%	32%	29%	80%	20%
Radiation Oncology	5%**	23%	33%	33%	25%	27%	40%	67%	29%	—	24%
Medical Oncology	23%	25%	33%	—	26%	14%	25%	—	60%	100%	21%
Total	31%	26%	31%	28%	26%	21%	31%	34%	31%	53%	26%

*Cardiovascular data for Alberta supplemented with University of Alberta Hospitals data; data for Quebec are supported by Montreal Regional Health Board data. Manitoba cardiovascular surgery data are from the Manitoba Cardiac Sciences Program.

**Radiation oncology data for British Columbia are supplemented with data from the BC Cancer Agency.

Table 1b: Summary of Responses, 1997—Number of Responses

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Total
Plastic Surgery	18	11	6	6	40	28	3	1	2	1	116
Gynaecology	49	30	8	17	117	98	8	10	14	2	353
Ophthalmology	62	27	9	10	100	69	10	4	10	1	302
Otolaryngology	30	7	6	7	63	54	5	2	5	1	180
General Surgery	44	25	14	16	132	92	8	6	18	4	359
Neurosurgery	10	7	2	4	17	14	2	—	2	—	58
Orthopaedic Surgery	56	21	9	9	105	57	6	3	9	1	276
Cardiovascular Surgery	6	4	2	0	14	4	3	1	2	—	36
Urology	25	7	4	6	53	30	6	3	6	1	141
Internal Medicine	56	44	16	22	93	55	9	12	22	4	333
Radiation Oncology	2	5	2	1	28	15	2	2	2	—	59
Medical Oncology	6	3	1	—	20	15	1	—	3	1	50
Total	364	191	79	98	782	531	63	44	95	16	2,263

Table 1c: Summary of Responses, 1997—Number of Questionnaires Mailed Out

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Total
Plastic Surgery	49	31	14	13	149	112	13	2	7	2	392
Gynaecology	165	110	35	53	477	375	26	22	43	5	1,311
Ophthalmology	167	80	22	25	378	281	25	11	41	3	1,033
Otolaryngology	70	33	10	17	200	197	14	6	17	1	565
General Surgery	160	124	52	62	483	477	33	27	50	8	1,476
Neurosurgery	30	19	8	6	75	59	5	0	8	0	212
Orthopaedic Surgery	142	80	22	32	346	287	24	14	24	3	974
Cardiovascular Surgery	23	15	5	5	56	56	4	2	4	0	170
Urology	62	27	14	18	194	134	18	6	19	2	494
Internal Medicine	260	190	65	114	467	411	35	37	77	5	1,661
Radiation Oncology	38	22	6	3	111	55	5	3	7	0	250
Medical Oncology	26	12	3	0	78	107	4	0	5	1	236
Total	1,192	743	256	348	3,014	2,551	206	130	302	30	8,772

Table 2: Median 1997 Patient Wait to see a Specialist after Referral from a GP (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Canada
Plastic Surgery	12.0	8.0	5.5	7.8	4.0	4.0	7.0	5.0	16.0	12.0	5.7
Gynaecology	2.0	5.0	3.0	2.5	4.0	6.0	4.0	5.0	5.5	5.5	4.3
Ophthalmology	6.0	6.0	12.2	12.0	10.0	12.8	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	10.0
Otolaryngology	3.0	8.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	10.0	6.0	4.0	4.1
General Surgery	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.1	4.5	3.0	2.0	2.7
Neurosurgery	7.0	10.5	10.5	7.0	10.0	8.0	6.0	—	3.0	—	9.5
Orthopaedic Surgery	8.0	11.0	7.0	12.0	8.5	8.0	3.5	8.0	6.0	4.5	8.4
Cardiovascular Surgery	4.5	5.5	2.8	—	3.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	30.0	—	4.0
Urology	4.0	6.0	2.8	6.0	4.0	4.0	11.0	4.0	4.0	9.0	4.4
Internal Medicine	3.0	3.5	3.8	2.5	3.0	4.0	2.0	5.0	5.5	3.0	3.4
Radiation Oncology	3.0	2.8	2.8	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.0	1.8	2.0	—	2.2
Medical Oncology	1.5	2.0	4.0	—	2.0	1.5	1.0	—	4.0	2.0	1.9
Weighted Median	4.4	5.4	4.7	4.4	4.8	5.4	5.1	5.8	6.3	5.2	5.1

Table 3: Plastic Surgery (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Mammoplasty	35.0	12.0	20.0	6.0	8.0	11.0	7.5	104.0	57.0	36.0
Neurolysis	12.0	10.5	9.0	10.0	4.0	8.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	12.0
Blepharoplasty	11.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	8.5	—	13.0	12.0
Rhinoplasty	14.0	10.5	13.5	6.0	4.0	5.0	8.5	104.0	13.0	12.0
Scar Revision	12.0	12.0	18.0	20.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	4.0	12.0	12.0
Hand Surgery	14.0	10.5	20.0	10.0	5.0	8.0	6.0	—	9.0	12.0
Craniofacial	26.0	20.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	10.0	1.5	4.0	4.0	—
Skin Cancer	4.4	3.0	3.5	2.8	3.0	2.3	5.0	2.0	4.5	8.0
Weighted Median*	16.6	11.1	14.1	10.8	5.3	7.3	6.6	44.1	16.1	14.6

* Weighted median does not include craniofacial procedures or skin cancers and other tumors.

Table 4: Gynaecology (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK**	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Dilation & Curettage	4.5	5.0	5.5	2.5	4.0	4.0	6.5	3.0	4.0	3.5
Tubal Ligation	7.0	7.0	20.0	6.0	5.0	7.5	9.5	5.0	5.0	4.3
Hysterectomy (Vaginal/Abdominal)	8.0	8.0	25.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	10.5	4.0	7.5	4.8
Vaginal Repair	8.0	8.0	25.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	11.5	5.0	7.5	5.5
Tuboplasty	11.0	7.5	26.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	13.0	11.0	6.0	5.0
Laparoscopic Procedures	7.0	6.0	16.0	6.0	5.5	6.5	8.0	3.0	6.0	3.8
Hysteroscopic Procedures	6.0	6.0	10.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	7.5	4.0	4.0	4.3
Weighted Median*	8.0	7.4	21.5	5.7	6.0	6.7	10.2	4.4	7.1	4.4

* Weighted median does not include craniofacial procedures or skin cancers and other tumours.
** Saskatchewan Health average wait data show patients waiting 12.7 weeks for gynaecology in 1997.

Table 5: Ophthalmology (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Cataract Removal	12.0	8.0	27.6	24.0	12.0	26.9	12.0	5.5	16.0	12.0
Cornea Transplant	24.0	24.0	54.0	52.0	14.0	35.3	24.0	8.0	28.5	—
Cornea—Pterygium	5.5	7.0	14.4	5.5	10.0	9.8	8.5	3.0	6.0	12.0
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	11.0	7.0	27.2	29.3	8.0	10.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	12.0
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	3.5	2.0	15.0	3.0	3.3	5.9	2.5	0.5	3.5	—
Lacrimal Duct	12.0	6.0	26.7	6.0	10.0	14.7	10.0	7.0	6.0	—
Strabismus	11.0	8.0	12.3	8.3	10.0	14.0	7.0	9.0	10.0	12.0
Operations on Eyelids	4.0	5.5	9.0	5.5	6.0	9.4	5.5	6.5	6.0	—
Glaucoma	8.0	4.0	15.2	4.5	6.0	7.4	5.0	3.3	7.0	12.0
Weighted Median*	7.5	5.5	22.1	16.2	8.5	22.5	11.2	4.9	4.0	11.4

* Weighted median does not include cornea transplant or operations for glaucoma.

Table 6: Otolaryngology (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK*	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Myringotomy	6.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	5.0	4.0	2.0
Tympanoplasty	8.0	9.0	20.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	12.0	9.8	8.0	8.0
Thyroid & Other Endocrine Glands	8.0	6.0	13.4	7.0	4.0	5.5	8.0	8.5	12.0	—
Tonsillectomy &/or Adenoidectomy	8.5	13.0	23.0	6.8	6.0	6.0	8.0	19.0	7.0	6.0
Rhinoplasty &/or Septal Surgery	10.0	12.0	28.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	19.0	8.0	8.0
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	10.0	10.0	28.0	5.0	6.0	6.5	16.0	12.0	8.0	10.0
Weighted Median	8.7	11.6	22.3	6.6	5.6	6.0	8.9	16.9	7.8	6.5

* Saskatchewan Health average wait data show patients waiting 10.1 weeks for otolaryngology in 1997.

Table 7: General Surgery (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Hernia/Hydrocele	8.0	6.0	11.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	3.5	5.0	4.0	4.0
Cholecystectomy	8.0	6.0	9.5	4.0	4.0	6.0	2.5	5.0	4.0	4.0
Colonscopy	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	5.0
Intestinal Operations	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	3.0	2.5
Haemorrhoidectomy	8.0	6.0	10.0	5.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	7.5	5.0	3.5
Breast Biopsy	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.5
Mastectomy	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.0	2.0	1.3
Bronchus & Lung	2.3	7.5	4.0	6.5	3.0	2.0	—	4.0	2.5	2.5
Aneurysm Surgery	3.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	3.3	6.0	—	4.0	2.0	1.5
Varicose Veins	8.0	7.0	14.0	6.5	4.0	8.0	4.0	8.0	3.0	4.0
Weighted Median*	5.7	5.0	7.4	3.7	3.4	4.8	2.8	4.1	3.4	3.3

* Weighted median does not include aneurysm surgery.

Table 8: Neurosurgery (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK**	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Peripheral Nerve	4.5	14.0	7.5	5.0	8.0	4.0	7.0	—	5.3	—
Disc Surgery/Laminectomy	6.0	18.0	13.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	4.5	—	28.0	—
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	5.0	6.0	12.0	5.0	4.0	3.5	6.0	—	2.0	—
Aneurysm Surgery	2.5	6.0	9.5	6.0	5.5	4.0	5.8	—	6.0	—
Carotid Endarterectomy	18.0	4.0	5.5	1.0	3.0	1.0	4.5	—	5.5	—
Weighted Median*	5.7	13.4	12.5	5.6	6.7	4.5	5.0	—	18.5	—

* Weighted median does not include aneurysm surgery or carotid endarterectomy.
** Saskatchewan Health average wait data show patients waiting 4.5 weeks for neurosurgery in 1997.

Table 9: Orthopaedic Surgery (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK**	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	12.0	7.0	12.0	10.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	2.0	7.0	5.0
Removal of Pins	11.0	6.0	11.0	8.0	7.0	12.0	10.0	4.0	8.5	6.0
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Etc.)	20.0	10.0	20.0	34.0	12.0	20.0	10.0	7.0	10.0	50.0
Arthroplasty (Interphalangeal)	12.0	7.0	12.0	9.5	8.0	12.0	12.0	5.0	7.0	—
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	12.0	7.0	12.0	9.5	8.0	12.0	10.0	4.0	10.0	12.0
Digit Neuroma	12.0	6.0	12.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	7.5	6.0
Rotator Cuff Repair	13.5	8.5	13.5	10.0	8.0	9.0	7.5	8.0	10.0	30.0
Ostectomy (All Types)	12.0	8.0	12.0	8.0	8.0	11.0	10.0	2.0	8.5	50.0
Routine Spinal Instability	15.0	6.0	15.0	12.5	10.0	15.5	16.0	8.0	13.0	—
Weighted Median*	15.9	8.4	25.6	19.5	9.6	13.4	9.8	4.6	9.1	43.8

* Weighted median does not include removal of pins or routine spinal instability.
** Saskatchewan Health average wait data show patients waiting 14.9 weeks for orthopaedic surgery in 1997.

Table 10: Cardiovascular Surgery (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB*	SK	MB**	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	
Emergent	Coronary Artery Bypass	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.3	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.3	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	0.3	0.1	0.0	—	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	1.0	—	0.5	—	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	—
	Pacemaker Operations	1.0	1.0	0.5	—	0.1	1.0	0.0	—	0.1	—
Urgent	Coronary Artery Bypass	8.0	1.0	1.0	—	1.5	1.0	5.0	3.0	5.2	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	4.8	1.0	1.0	—	1.5	1.3	5.0	1.5	5.2	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	3.3	—	6.0	—	1.0	0.1	4.0	0.5	—	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	1.5	—	6.0	—	1.1	2.0	4.0	—	—	—
	Pacemaker Operations	4.0	—	2.0	—	0.8	1.5	1.0	—	0.1	—
Elective	Coronary Artery Bypass	14.0	16.0	10.0	18.3	13.5	12.0	24.0	52.0	12.5	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	21.0	16.0	10.0	18.3	15.0	11.0	24.0	52.0	12.5	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	11.0	24.0	—	—	9.0	7.0	16.0	8.0	8.0	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	14.0	—	8.0	—	4.0	11.0	24.0	—	4.0	—
	Pacemaker Operations	14.0	—	—	—	4.0	11.0	8.0	—	4.0	—

* University of Alberta Hospitals data for Edmonton and Calgary hospitals, and survey data.
** Manitoba Cardiac Sciences Program data for the province.

Table 11: Urology (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK**	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Non-radical Prostatectomy	12.0	5.5	16.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	9.8	3.5	6.5	10.0
Radical Prostatectomy	4.0	6.5	3.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	6.0	2.0	6.0	0.5
TUR Bladder	4.0	4.5	2.8	2.0	3.8	3.0	5.0	2.0	3.5	1.8
Radical Cystectomy	4.0	5.5	2.5	3.0	5.0	2.0	7.0	2.0	4.0	2.0
Cystoscopy	6.0	3.0	2.0	1.5	3.0	3.3	8.0	2.5	3.5	0.1
Hernia/Hydrocele	12.0	7.0	16.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	12.0	4.0	6.5	8.0
Bladder Fulguration	5.5	5.0	3.5	2.0	3.3	4.0	6.0	2.5	5.0	—
Ureteral Reimplantation for Reflux	10.0	6.0	9.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	16.0	4.0	4.5	—
Weighted Median*	9.6	5.2	9.7	2.8	3.7	3.9	8.8	3.0	5.2	6.8

* Weighted median does not include radical prostatectomy, radical cystectomy or ureteral reimplantation for reflux.
** Saskatchewan Health average wait data show patients waiting 6.6 weeks for urology in 1997.

Table 12: Internal Medicine (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Colonoscopy	3.5	3.5	5.3	3.0	4.0	2.5	4.0	0.1	3.0	2.0
Angiography/Angioplasty	8.0	5.8	8.0	12.0	10.0	4.0	4.8	9.0	5.0	4.5
Bronchoscopy	3.0	1.5	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.0	0.1	2.0	2.5
Gastroscopy	3.0	3.3	5.3	3.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	0.1	2.5	2.5
Weighted Median	5.4	4.5	6.3	5.1	5.3	2.7	4.2	3.5	3.8	2.4

Table 13: Radiation Oncology (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Cancer of the Larynx	5.0	3.0	1.8	4.0	2.0	3.0	1.5	1.8	2.5	—
Cancer of the Cervix	5.0	2.0	2.5	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.8	2.0	—
Lung Cancer	5.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	—
Prostate Cancer	12.0	3.5	2.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	—
Breast Cancer	10.0	2.5	2.0	4.0	4.5	8.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	—
Early Side Effects from Treatment	29.5	1.0	0.4	—	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.0	—
Late Side Effects from Treatment	—	1.5	1.5	—	1.3	1.0	1.0	10.0	4.0	—
Average Median*	7.4	2.6	2.1	4.4	3.3	5.2	2.2	1.9	2.4	—

* Average median does not include early or late side effects from treatment.

Table 14: Medical Oncology (1997)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Cancer of the Larynx	1.0	2.0	4.0	—	1.0	2.0	2.0	—	4.0	2.0
Cancer of the Cervix	1.3	1.0	3.0	—	1.0	2.0	2.0	—	3.0	2.0
Lung Cancer	1.5	2.0	2.5	—	1.0	2.0	1.0	—	4.0	2.0
Breast Cancer	1.3	2.0	4.5	—	1.0	2.0	1.0	—	4.0	1.5
Side Effects from Treatment	0.1	0.5	—	—	0.2	0.1	0.5	—	0.6	0.1
Average Median*	1.3	1.8	3.5	—	1.0	2.0	1.5	—	3.8	1.9

* Average median does not include side effects from treatment.

Table 15: Plastic Surgery (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Mammoplasty	306	92	25	26	226	261	28	12	55	9
Neurolysis	135	105	67	33	199	204	16	5	12	3
Blepharoplasty	35	13	7	8	26	18	3	—	3	1
Rhinoplasty	287	82	116	54	204	303	24	157	39	14
Scar Revision	173	114	63	88	229	117	12	5	18	5
Hand Surgery	79	42	40	16	72	71	6	—	5	1
Total	1,015	448	317	225	955	975	88	178	132	33
Total/100,000	26	16	31	20	8	13	12	31	14	24

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.

Table 16: Gynaecology (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF*	NS	PE
Dilation & Curettage	79	94	67	18	168	295	24	24	15	7
Tubal Ligation	75	115	176	96	116	346	32	32	11	9
Hysterectomy (Vaginal/Abdominal)	1,330	816	964	228	2,723	2,147	439	311	418	30
Vaginal Repair	70	50	86	11	150	151	26	14	25	1
Tuboplasty	307	163	221	54	672	350	46	24	31	3
Laparoscopic Procedures	69	76	48	25	186	261	22	22	27	2
Total	1,929	1,313	1,562	431	4,015	3,550	589	429	527	52
Total/100,000	49	47	152	38	35	48	77	76	56	38

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.
* Department of Health and Community Services data show 593 patients waiting for gynaecology as of April 1998.

Table 17: Ophthalmology (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF*	NS	PE
Cataract Removal	387	195	391	333	1,693	7,241	329	71	342	17
Cornea—Pterygium	74	45	20	13	228	120	10	4	24	3
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	51	48	68	104	256	172	13	4	13	2
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	171	30	108	23	342	197	8	1	39	—
Lacrimal Duct	49	12	36	5	131	137	5	15	5	—
Strabismus	34	5	17	1	44	149	4	9	13	0
Operations on Eyelids	42	16	14	6	76	72	6	6	10	—
Total	808	351	655	485	2,771	8,088	374	111	445	22
Total/100,000	21	12	64	42	24	109	49	20	47	16

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.

* Department of Health and Community Services data show 661 patients waiting for ophthalmology as of April 1998.

Table 18: Otolaryngology (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF*	NS	PE
Myringotomy	38	13	7	4	106	155	30	4	8	1
Tympanoplasty	94	57	35	12	129	185	76	30	31	3
Thyroid & Other Endocrine Glands	243	119	75	43	426	266	32	28	85	—
Tonsillectomy &/or Adenoidectomy	1,183	1,263	969	244	2,039	900	1,051	507	729	26
Rhinoplasty &/or Septal Surgery	295	67	147	25	297	605	84	86	137	5
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	198	108	85	6	231	236	41	18	63	5
Total	2,049	1,626	1,318	335	3,227	2,348	1,314	673	1,054	39
Total/100,000	53	58	129	29	28	32	172	119	111	28

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.

* Department of Health and Community Services data show 828 patients waiting for otolaryngology as of April 1998.

Table 19: General Surgery (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF*	NS	PE
Hernia/Hydrocele	1,081	757	928	191	1,591	2,392	84	104	179	19
Cholecystectomy	1,409	1,088	1,082	248	2,176	2,513	134	133	232	31
Colonscopy	59	44	38	11	170	289	39	15	20	5
Intestinal Operations	661	325	490	87	979	967	99	50	132	13
Haemorrhoidectomy	262	220	149	37	258	627	18	18	29	4
Breast Biopsy	66	46	13	15	170	188	24	2	9	1
Mastectomy	108	55	56	29	312	224	15	10	19	2
Bronchus & Lung	79	—	43	110	359	205	—	20	38	3
Varicose Veins	169	121	115	29	280	822	13	24	11	3
Total	3,893	2,655	2,915	757	6,295	8,228	424	376	669	81
Total/100,000	100	94	284	66	56	111	56	66	71	59

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.
 * Department of Health and Community Services data show 932 patients waiting for general surgery as of April 1998.

Table 20: Neurosurgery (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Peripheral Nerve	31	66	12	6	123	64	7	—	7	—
Disc Surgery/Laminectomy	680	689	331	93	1,647	1,033	63	—	390	—
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	123	193	99	40	715	191	37	—	14	—
Total	835	947	442	139	2,485	1,288	106	—	411	—
Total/100,000	21	34	43	12	22	17	14	—	43	—

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.

Table 21: Orthopaedic Surgery (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF*	NS	PE
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	141	81	91	28	171	200	19	5	5	2
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Etc.)	1,661	638	493	493	3,484	2,229	128	37	297	126
Arthroplasty (Interphalangeal)	281	151	114	54	787	1,071	44	20	35	—
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	39	2	5	3	75	54	3	0	3	1
Digit Neuroma	170	59	55	39	241	295	14	5	14	1
Rotator Cuff Repair	62	33	35	14	104	185	5	4	12	—
Ostectomy (All Types)	464	215	273	63	1,342	1,204	66	9	70	38
Total	2,819	1,179	1,066	693	6,204	5,238	280	79	436	167
Total/100,000	72	42	104	60	55	71	37	14	46	121

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.

* Department of Health and Community Services data show 918 patients waiting for orthopaedic surgery as of April 1998.

Table 22: Cardiovascular Surgery (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB*	SK	MB**	ON	QC	NB	NF***	NS	PE
Coronary Artery Bypass	657	314	23	74	452	329	92	28	140	—
Valves & Septa of the Heart	139	138	5	35	85	30	12	2	28	—
Pacemaker Operations	220	—	18	—	72	66	8	—	1	—
Total	797	413	28	96	537	359	104	30	169	—
Total/100,000	20	15	3	8	5	5	14	5	18	—

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.

* University of Alberta Hospitals data for Edmonton and Calgary hospitals. The total reflects the fact that some patients had both bypass and valve surgery.

** Manitoba Cardiac Sciences Program data for the province. The total reflects the fact that some patients had both bypass and valve surgery.

*** Department of Health and Community Services data show 249 patients waiting for cardiovascular surgery as of April 1998.

Table 23: Urology (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF*	NS	PE
Non-radical Prostatectomy	1,247	320	439	89	1,304	1,187	322	40	108	40
TUR Bladder	142	69	29	20	356	192	47	9	28	1
Cystoscopy	153	74	64	12	424	245	129	17	62	0
Hernia/Hydrocele	512	165	172	53	841	460	271	18	77	10
Bladder Fulgration	141	119	43	19	263	138	58	8	33	—
Total	2,195	748	747	194	3,189	2,221	827	93	308	51
Total/100,000	56	27	73	17	28	30	108	16	33	37

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.
*Department of Health and Community Services data show 489 patients waiting for urology as of April 1998.

Table 24: Internal Medicine (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Colonoscopy	66	73	45	34	200	145	31	6	24	2
Angiography/Angioplasty	576	544	198	163	1,518	863	162	127	252	0
Bronchoscopy	25	20	7	15	135	123	8	2	8	2
Gastroscopy	210	212	135	130	866	463	112	14	72	12
Total	878	848	385	342	2,720	1,594	313	149	355	16
Total/100,000	22	30	38	30	24	22	41	26	38	12

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.

Table 25: Radiation Oncology (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Radiotherapy	375	51	9	12	184	138	18	5	20	—
Total/100,000	10	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	—

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.

Table 26: Medical Oncology (1997)—Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Chemotherapy	74	50	42	—	176	172	43	—	57	1
Total/100,000	2	2	4	—	2	2	6	—	6	0

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.

Table 27: Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (1997)—People Waiting Per 100,000 Population

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Plastic Surgery	26	16	31	20	8	13	12	31	14	24
Gynaecology	49	47	152	38	35	48	77	76	56	38
Ophthalmology	21	12	64	42	24	109	49	20	47	16
Otolaryngology	53	58	129	29	28	32	172	119	111	28
General Surgery	100	94	284	66	56	111	56	66	71	59
Neurosurgery	21	34	43	12	22	17	14	—	43	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	72	42	104	60	55	71	37	14	46	121
Cardiovascular Surgery	20	15	3	8	5	5	14	5	18	—
Urology	56	27	73	17	28	30	108	16	33	37
Internal Medicine	22	30	38	30	24	22	41	26	38	12
Radiation Oncology	10	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	—
Medical Oncology	2	2	4	—	2	2	6	—	6	0

Table 28a: Median Wait to Receive Treatment by Specialty in 1997 (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Canada
Plastic Surgery	16.6	11.1	14.1	10.8	5.3	7.3	6.6	44.1	16.1	14.6	9.4
Gynaecology	8.0	7.4	21.5	5.7	6.0	6.7	10.2	4.4	7.1	4.4	7.3
Ophthalmology	7.5	5.5	22.1	16.2	8.5	22.5	11.2	4.9	4.0	11.4	14.6
Otolaryngology	8.7	11.6	22.3	6.6	5.6	6.0	8.9	16.9	7.8	6.5	8.1
General Surgery	5.7	5.0	7.4	3.7	3.4	4.8	2.8	4.1	3.4	3.3	4.4
Neurosurgery	5.7	13.4	12.5	5.6	6.7	4.5	5.0	—	18.5	—	7.0
Orthopaedic Surgery	15.9	8.4	25.6	19.5	9.6	13.4	9.8	4.6	9.1	43.8	12.3
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	7.4	1.0	1.0	—	1.5	1.0	5.0	2.8	5.2	—	2.1
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	15.3	16.0	10.0	18.3	13.7	11.9	24.0	52.0	12.5	—	14.2
Urology	9.6	5.2	9.7	2.8	3.7	3.9	8.8	3.0	5.2	6.8	5.2
Internal Medicine	5.4	4.5	6.3	5.1	5.3	2.7	4.2	3.5	3.8	2.4	4.4
Radiation Oncology	7.4	2.6	2.1	4.4	3.3	5.2	2.2	1.9	2.4	—	3.9
Medical Oncology	1.3	1.8	3.5	—	1.0	2.0	1.5	—	3.8	1.9	1.6
Weighted Median	8.2	7.0	12.4	7.1	5.4	7.1	6.9	7.9	6.0	7.3	6.8

Table 28b: Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment by Specialty in 1997

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Plastic Surgery	1,015	448	317	225	955	975	88	178	132	33
Gynaecology	1,929	1,313	1,562	431	4,015	3,550	589	429	527	52
Ophthalmology	808	351	655	485	2,771	8,088	374	111	445	22
Otolaryngology	2,049	1,626	1,318	335	3,227	2,348	1,314	673	1,054	39
General Surgery	3,893	2,655	2,915	757	6,295	8,228	424	376	669	81
Neurosurgery	835	947	442	139	2,485	1,288	106	—	411	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	2,819	1,179	1,066	693	6,204	5,238	280	79	436	167
Cardiovascular Surgery	797	413	28	96	537	359	104	30	169	—
Urology	2,195	748	747	194	3,189	2,221	827	93	308	51
Internal Medicine	878	848	385	342	2,720	1,594	313	149	355	16
Radiation Oncology	375	51	9	12	184	138	18	5	20	—
Medical Oncology	74	50	42	—	176	172	43	—	57	1
Residual	10,796	6,453	5,198	2,274	18,612	17,857	2,102	1,382	2,412	240
Total	28,461	17,081	14,682	5,983	51,370	52,055	6,583	3,506	6,993	701
Proportion of Population	0.7%	0.6%	1.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%
Canada Totals	187,416	0.6%								

Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding.



Table 29a: Comparison of Median Weeks Waited to Receive Treatment by Selected Specialties, 1996 and 1997
—British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario

	British Columbia			Alberta			Saskatchewan			Manitoba			Ontario		
	1997	1996	% chg	1997	1996	% chg	1997	1996	% chg	1997	1996	% chg	1997	1996	% chg
Plastic Surgery	16.6	14.6	14%	11.1	9.3	19%	14.1	17.7	-20%	10.8	10.5	3%	5.3	5.7	-7%
Gynaecology	8.0	7.8	3%	7.4	6.5	14%	21.5	16.8	28%	5.7	5.2	10%	6.0	5.6	7%
Ophthalmology	7.5	6.8	10%	5.5	3.5	56%	22.1	9.2	140%	16.2	27.6	-41%	8.5	9.3	-8%
Otolaryngology	8.7	8.5	2%	11.6	7.2	61%	22.3	14.9	50%	6.6	3.9	68%	5.6	6.8	-17%
General Surgery	5.7	5.7	-1%	5.0	4.8	3%	7.4	4.3	72%	3.7	3.1	21%	3.4	3.3	4%
Neurosurgery	5.7	4.8	18%	13.4	8.9	51%	12.5	6.5	93%	5.6	5.9	-5%	6.7	6.6	1%
Orthopaedic Surgery	15.9	14.9	6%	8.4	13.4	-37%	25.6	17.9	43%	19.5	15.6	25%	9.6	10.6	-9%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	7.4	12.0	-38%	1.0	13.6	-93%	1.0	5.0	-80%	—	0.5	—	1.5	1.7	-12%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	15.3	36.0	-58%	16.0	27.0	-41%	10.0	10.0	0%	18.3	13.9	32%	13.7	15.9	-14%
Urology	9.6	8.5	13%	5.2	2.8	85%	9.7	6.2	56%	2.8	2.9	-2%	3.7	4.6	-19%
Internal Medicine	5.4	4.9	11%	4.5	3.6	25%	6.3	3.7	69%	5.1	3.5	46%	5.3	3.5	51%
Radiation Oncology	7.4	3.7	100%	2.6	1.9	37%	2.1	2.0	2%	4.4	6.4	-31%	3.3	2.8	18%
Medical Oncology	1.3	1.4	-11%	1.8	2.0	-13%	3.5	1.3	169%	—	0.9	—	1.0	1.0	0%
Weighted Median	8.2	9.1	-10%	7.0	7.3	-4%	12.4	8.5	46%	7.1	5.9	20%	5.4	5.6	-4%

Note: the percent changes may not be exactly as written due to rounding.

Table 29a: Comparison of Median Weeks Waited to Receive Treatment by Selected Specialties, 1996 and 1997
—Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island

	Quebec			New Brunswick			Newfoundland			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	1997	1996	% chg	1997	1996	% chg	1997	1996	% chg	1997	1996	% chg	1997	1996	% chg
Plastic Surgery	7.3	6.0	22%	6.6	11.2	-41%	44.1	62.0	-29%	16.1	22.0	-27%	14.6	22.9	-36%
Gynaecology	6.7	5.6	20%	10.2	11.6	-12%	4.4	3.3	32%	7.1	8.2	-14%	4.4	6.6	-33%
Ophthalmology	22.5	10.6	112%	11.2	9.5	18%	4.9	3.7	34%	4.0	6.8	-41%	11.4	6.3	81%
Otolaryngology	6.0	4.2	44%	8.9	11.2	-21%	16.9	9.2	84%	7.8	9.4	-17%	6.5	7.0	-8%
General Surgery	4.8	4.0	20%	2.8	2.7	4%	4.1	3.2	28%	3.4	3.1	10%	3.3	2.2	49%
Neurosurgery	4.5	3.7	21%	4.8	8.0	-41%	—	4.1	—	18.5	4.7	294%	—	—	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	13.4	10.6	26%	9.8	10.2	-4%	4.6	4.7	-3%	9.1	13.1	-30%	43.8	29.3	49%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	1.0	1.5	-33%	5.0	6.0	-17%	2.8	5.8	-52%	5.2	3.0	73%	—	—	—
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	11.9	7.4	61%	24.0	26.0	-8%	52.0	41.5	25%	12.5	9.0	39%	—	—	—
Urology	3.9	3.9	1%	8.8	6.6	34%	3.0	2.5	21%	5.2	3.8	36%	6.8	6.7	1%
Internal Medicine	2.7	2.7	1%	4.2	3.8	11%	3.5	2.9	21%	3.8	4.1	-7%	2.4	3.9	-38%
Radiation Oncology	5.2	4.6	13%	2.2	2.1	5%	1.9	1.6	19%	2.4	2.1	14%	—	—	—
Medical Oncology	2.0	1.5	33%	1.5	1.6	-6%	—	—	—	3.8	1.0	275%	1.9	1.0	90%
Weighted Median	7.1	5.1	39%	6.9	7.1	-3%	7.9	6.1	30%	6.0	5.7	5%	7.3	6.5	12%

Note: the percent changes may not be exactly as written due to rounding.





Table 29b: Comparison of Estimated Number of Patients Waiting by Specialty, 1996 and 1997
—British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario

	British Columbia			Alberta			Saskatchewan			Manitoba			Ontario		
	1997	1996	% Chg	1997	1996	% Chg	1997	1996	% Chg	1997	1996	% Chg	1997	1996	% Chg
Plastic Surgery	1,015	1,007	1%	448	335	34%	317	269	18%	225	191	18%	955	825	16%
Gynaecology	1,929	1,804	7%	1,313	1,373	-4%	1,562	1,326	18%	431	396	9%	4,015	3,896	3%
Ophthalmology	808	739	9%	351	186	88%	655	295	122%	485	488	-1%	2,771	3,127	-11%
Otolaryngology	2,049	1,851	11%	1,626	1,243	31%	1,318	603	119%	335	268	25%	3,227	4,322	-25%
General Surgery	3,893	3,923	-1%	2,655	2,202	21%	2,915	2,022	44%	757	682	11%	6,295	6,473	-3%
Neurosurgery	835	514	62%	947	838	13%	442	224	98%	139	146	-5%	2,485	1,936	28%
Orthopaedic Surgery	2,819	2,454	15%	1,179	1,325	-11%	1,066	988	8%	693	706	-2%	6,204	6,288	-1%
Cardiovascular Surgery	797	1,123	-29%	413	892	-54%	28	140	-80%	96	136	-29%	537	629	-15%
Urology	2,195	1,819	21%	748	517	45%	747	510	46%	194	195	-1%	3,189	3,320	-4%
Internal Medicine	878	912	-4%	848	656	29%	385	370	4%	342	155	121%	2,720	2,184	25%
Radiation Oncology	375	377	-1%	51	26	93%	9	9	5%	12	17	-31%	184	169	9%
Medical Oncology	74	104	-29%	50	40	25%	42	15	169%	—	—	—	176	151	17%
Residual	10,796	10,115	7%	6,453	6,046	7%	5,198	3,709	40%	2,274	1,770	28%	18,612	18,932	-2%
Total	28,461	26,743	6%	17,081	15,679	9%	14,682	10,479	40%	5,983	5,149	16%	51,370	52,251	-2%

Note: the percent changes may not be exactly as written due to rounding.

Table 29b: Comparison of Estimated Number of Patients Waiting by Specialty, 1996 and 1997
—Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island

	Quebec			New Brunswick			Newfoundland			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	1997	1996	% Chg	1997	1996	% Chg	1997	1996	% Chg	1997	1996	% Chg	1997	1996	% Chg
Plastic Surgery	975	891	9%	88	351	-75%	178	251	-29%	132	180	-27%	33	18	81%
Gynaecology	3,550	2,869	24%	589	565	4%	429	181	137%	527	498	6%	52	74	-29%
Ophthalmology	8,088	6,159	31%	374	531	-29%	111	65	70%	445	400	11%	22	12	81%
Otolaryngology	2,348	1,645	43%	1,314	619	112%	673	251	168%	1,054	865	22%	39	47	-17%
General Surgery	8,228	7,295	13%	424	812	-48%	376	290	30%	669	709	-6%	81	118	-31%
Neurosurgery	1,288	1,823	-29%	106	169	-37%	—	90	—	411	109	278%	—	—	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	5,238	4,425	18%	280	400	-30%	79	95	-17%	436	520	-16%	167	89	87%
Cardiovascular Surgery	359	434	-17%	104	115	-9%	30	62	-51%	169	97	75%	—	—	—
Urology	2,221	2,540	-13%	827	719	15%	93	133	-30%	308	291	6%	51	58	-12%
Internal Medicine	1,594	1,628	-2%	313	315	-1%	149	180	-17%	355	369	-4%	16	23	-31%
Radiation Oncology	138	128	8%	18	17	5%	5	4	19%	20	18	9%	—	—	—
Medical Oncology	172	153	12%	43	46	-6%	—	—	—	57	19	209%	1	1	53%
Residual	17,857	16,324	9%	2,102	2,057	2%	1,382	871	59%	2,412	2,145	12%	240	293	-18%
Total	52,055	46,314	12%	6,583	6,714	-2%	3,506	2,474	42%	6,993	6,220	12%	701	733	-4%
Canada: total estimated number of patients waiting in 1997 and 1996, and percentage difference between totals												187,416	172,766	8.5%	
Note: the percent changes may not be exactly as written due to rounding.															



Table 30a: Frequency Distribution of Waiting Times (Specialist to Treatment) by Province in 1996
 —Proportion of Median Waiting Times that Fall in the Following Ranges*

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
0–3.9 weeks	22.8	32.2	28.9	25.3	36.6	34.4	29.7	46.1	31.9	37.5
4–7.9 weeks	25.0	40.2	17.8	49.3	41.9	32.3	33.0	30.3	44.0	25.0
8–11.9 weeks	23.9	14.9	14.4	13.3	16.1	22.6	22.0	14.5	12.1	10.7
12–23.9 weeks	23.9	10.3	28.9	6.7	5.4	8.6	11.0	3.9	8.8	19.6
24–51.9 weeks	4.3	2.3	8.9	4.0	—	2.2	4.4	—	2.2	7.1
1 year plus	—	—	1.1	1.3	—	—	—	5.3	1.1	—

Table 30b: Frequency Distribution of Waiting Times (Specialist to Treatment) by Region in 1996
 —Proportion of Median Waiting Times that Fall in the Following Ranges*

	BC	Prairies	ON	QC	Atlantic
0–3.9 weeks	22.8	29.0	36.6	34.4	35.7
4–7.9 weeks	25.0	34.9	41.9	32.3	34.1
8–11.9 weeks	23.9	14.3	16.1	22.6	15.3
12–23.9 weeks	23.9	15.9	5.4	8.6	10.2
24–51.9 weeks	4.3	5.2	—	2.2	3.2
1 year plus	—	0.8	—	—	1.6

* Procedures for which no data were obtained are not included.

Table 31: Total Expected Waiting Time from Referral by GP to Treatment by Specialty, 1997 (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Canada
Plastic Surgery	28.6	19.1	19.6	18.6	9.3	11.3	13.6	49.1	32.1	26.6	15.1
Gynaecology	10.0	12.4	24.5	8.2	10.0	12.7	14.2	9.4	12.6	9.9	11.6
Ophthalmology	13.5	11.5	34.3	28.2	18.5	35.3	23.2	16.9	16.0	23.4	24.6
Otolaryngology	11.7	19.6	25.3	10.6	9.6	9.0	11.9	26.9	13.8	10.5	12.2
General Surgery	8.7	8.0	10.4	5.7	5.4	7.8	5.9	8.6	6.4	5.3	7.1
Neurosurgery	12.7	23.9	23.0	12.6	16.7	12.5	11.0	—	21.5	—	16.5
Orthopaedic Surgery	23.9	19.4	32.6	31.5	18.1	21.4	13.3	12.6	15.1	48.3	20.7
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	19.8	21.5	12.8	—	16.7	14.9	30.0	58.0	42.5	—	18.2
Urology	13.6	11.2	12.5	8.8	7.7	7.9	19.8	7.0	9.2	15.8	9.6
Internal Medicine	8.4	8.0	10.1	7.6	8.3	6.7	6.2	8.5	9.3	5.4	7.8
Radiation Oncology	10.4	5.4	4.9	5.4	5.6	6.2	3.2	3.7	4.4	—	6.1
Medical Oncology	2.8	3.8	7.5	—	3.0	3.5	2.5	—	7.8	3.9	3.5
Weighted Median	12.6	12.4	17.1	11.5	10.2	12.5	12.0	13.7	12.3	12.5	11.9

Table 32: Plastic Surgery (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Mammoplasty	12.0	12.0	16.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	2.0	31.0	12.0
Neurolysis	6.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	9.5	8.0
Blepharoplasty	8.0	12.0	8.0	6.0	4.5	4.0	8.0	2.0	15.5	12.0
Rhinoplasty	8.0	12.0	16.0	12.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	2.0	15.5	12.0
Scar Revision	10.0	11.0	12.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	2.0	15.5	12.0
Hand Surgery	4.0	8.0	12.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	7.5	8.0
Craniofacial Procedures	8.0	9.0	10.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.3	2.0	4.0	—
Skin Cancers and Other Tumors	3.0	4.0	3.3	2.3	2.5	2.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	4.0
Weighted Median*	8.4	10.4	12.2	7.3	5.3	5.3	6.7	2.0	15.4	11.3

* Weighted median does not include craniofacial procedures or skin cancers and other tumors.

Table 33: Gynaecology (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Dilation & Curettage	2.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.8	5.0	3.8	3.0	2.5
Tubal Ligation	5.5	6.5	12.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	6.0	4.3
Hysterectomy (Vaginal/Abdominal)	4.0	6.0	14.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	9.0	6.0	4.0	3.8
Vaginal Repair	6.5	6.0	12.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	10.0	6.0	5.0	5.5
Tuboplasty	6.5	7.3	12.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	12.0	8.0	5.0	5.0
Laparoscopic Procedures	4.0	5.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	3.8
Hysteroscopic Procedures	3.3	4.5	6.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	4.5	4.0	4.3
Weighted Median*	4.3	5.9	11.9	5.1	4.1	4.3	8.8	5.6	4.1	3.6

* Weighted median does not include hysteroscopic procedures.

Table 34: Ophthalmology (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Cataract Removal	8.0	6.0	10.9	6.0	8.0	8.4	10.5	3.5	10.5	6.0
Cornea Transplant	12.0	6.3	20.7	14.0	8.0	10.8	16.0	4.0	24.0	6.0
Cornea—Pterygium	4.0	6.0	12.0	4.0	6.0	6.5	9.0	2.0	6.0	6.0
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	7.0	4.0	11.9	4.1	5.0	4.1	7.0	2.0	6.0	6.0
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	3.0	2.0	19.5	—	2.0	2.4	1.3	1.0	2.0	—
Lacrimal Duct	8.0	6.0	18.3	5.3	8.0	7.1	8.0	4.0	8.0	—
Strabismus	6.5	6.0	12.2	5.0	6.0	6.5	9.0	4.0	12.0	6.0
Operations on Eyelids	4.0	6.0	13.4	4.0	4.5	7.4	8.0	3.0	6.0	—
Glaucoma	4.0	4.0	9.7	3.0	3.5	3.1	4.5	2.3	4.0	3.0
Weighted Median*	5.3	4.4	13.7	5.3	5.6	7.5	9.9	3.0	7.4	6.0

* Weighted median does not include cornea transplant or operations for glaucoma.

Table 35: Otolaryngology (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Myringotomy	3.3	3.5	3.5	5.0	4.0	3.5	4.0	2.0	3.5	2.0
Tympanoplasty	8.0	8.0	12.0	5.3	5.5	5.0	8.0	4.0	7.5	10.0
Thyroid and Other Endocrine Glands	4.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	—
Tonsillectomy and/or Adenoidectomy	6.0	8.0	15.0	5.0	4.5	4.5	7.0	3.0	7.5	8.0
Rhinoplasty &/or Septal Surgery	5.0	8.0	18.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	8.5	8.0
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	5.0	8.0	12.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	6.5	6.0
Weighted Median	5.6	7.4	13.8	5.4	4.5	4.7	6.7	3.3	7.0	7.7

Table 36: General Surgery (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Hernia/Hydrocele	4.0	4.3	6.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	4.0
Cholecystectomy	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	2.5	4.0	3.0
Colonscopy	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	1.5	1.8	2.0
Intestinal Operations	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	4.0	1.8	2.0	2.0
Haemorrhoidectomy	4.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.0	5.0	3.0
Breast Biopsy	2.0	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.3	1.0
Mastectomy	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.0
Bronchus & Lung	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.0	2.3	2.5	—	3.0	2.5	2.5
Aneurysm Surgery	1.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.8	4.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.8
Varicose Veins	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	4.0
Weighted Median*	3.1	3.3	4.0	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.7	2.5	3.5	2.7

* Weighted median does not include aneurysm surgery.

Table 37: Neurosurgery (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Peripheral Nerve	4.0	8.0	8.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	9.0	—	4.0	—
Disc Surgery/Laminectomy	5.0	7.0	6.5	4.0	5.5	3.0	6.5	—	2.5	—
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	4.0	4.0	10.5	5.0	5.5	2.5	8.0	—	2.0	—
Aneurysm Surgery	2.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	1.5	7.8	—	2.0	—
Carotid Endarterectomy	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	5.8	—	1.5	—
Weighted Median*	4.7	6.0	7.5	4.4	5.5	2.9	7.0	—	2.4	—

* Weighted median does not include aneurysm surgery or carotid endarterectomy.

Table 38: Orthopaedic Surgery (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	4.0	5.0	6.5	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	2.0	3.0	4.0
Removal of Pins	6.0	6.0	10.0	4.0	5.3	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Etc.)	8.0	8.0	15.5	12.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	11.0	6.5	25.0
Arthroplasty (Interphalangeal)	6.0	7.0	12.0	7.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	—	8.0	—
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	6.0	5.5	12.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	12.0
Digit Neuroma	6.0	5.0	12.0	7.9	6.0	8.0	8.0	—	7.5	6.0
Rotator Cuff Repair	6.0	5.5	9.0	6.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	7.5	8.0
Ostectomy (All Types)	6.0	6.0	12.0	7.5	6.0	8.0	8.0	—	7.8	25.0
Routine Spinal Instability	8.0	8.0	15.5	10.0	8.0	10.0	9.0	8.0	12.0	—
Weighted Median*	6.8	6.8	12.7	9.3	6.7	7.6	7.9	8.8	7.0	18.7

* Weighted median does not include removal of pins or routine spinal instability.

Table 39: Cardiovascular Surgery (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	
Emergent	Coronary Artery Bypass	0.0	0.3	0.1	—	0.1	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	0.0	0.5	0.1	—	0.1	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	0.1	0.1	0.0	—	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	0.4	—	0.0	—	1.0	0.0	0.0	—	0.1	—
	Pacemaker Operations	0.0	1.0	0.1	—	0.1	0.0	0.0	—	0.1	—
Urgent	Coronary Artery Bypass	2.0	2.5	1.3	—	1.0	0.0	5.0	2.0	4.8	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	1.7	2.0	1.3	—	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	4.8	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	1.1	2.0	2.0	—	1.0	0.3	3.5	1.0	—	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	1.5	—	2.0	—	2.0	0.0	1.0	—	—	—
	Pacemaker Operations	1.0	6.0	1.8	—	1.0	0.0	1.0	—	0.0	—
Elective	Coronary Artery Bypass	10.0	6.0	6.5	—	6.0	3.0	12.0	18.0	12.0	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	8.5	6.0	6.5	—	6.0	3.0	12.0	26.0	12.0	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	4.8	8.0	—	—	5.0	2.0	10.0	4.0	—	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	6.0	—	—	—	4.0	8.0	8.0	—	—	—
	Pacemaker Operations	4.0	—	7.0	—	4.0	2.0	3.0	—	2.5	—

Table 40: Urology (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Non-radical Prostatectomy	4.0	4.3	8.5	7.0	4.0	4.5	5.5	3.5	4.0	—
Radical Prostatectomy	2.0	3.3	2.8	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	—
Transurethral resection—bladder	2.0	2.5	2.5	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	1.5	2.5	1.8
Radical Cystectomy	2.0	3.5	2.0	4.0	3.0	2.5	4.0	2.0	3.5	—
Cystoscopy	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.5	5.0	4.0	3.3	—
Hernia/Hydrocele	5.0	6.0	9.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	5.5	—
Bladder Fulgration	2.5	3.5	2.5	4.0	2.5	2.0	3.5	1.5	4.0	—
Ureteral Reimplantation for Reflux	6.0	3.5	6.0	7.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	3.5	—
Weighted Median*	3.5	4.0	5.8	6.0	3.2	4.1	5.1	3.3	3.9	1.8

* Weighted median does not include radical prostatectomy, radical cystectomy or ureteral reimplantation for reflux.

Table 41: Internal Medicine (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Colonoscopy	2.0	2.0	1.3	3.0	2.0	2.3	2.5	0.5	2.0	3.8
Angiography/Angioplasty	2.5	2.0	1.5	3.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	8.5	3.5	4.0
Bronchoscopy	1.5	1.5	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	0.5	1.5	2.8
Gastroscopy	1.5	2.0	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.5	2.0	3.8
Weighted Median	2.0	2.0	1.4	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.6	2.8	3.6

Table 42: Radiation Oncology (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Cancer of the Larynx	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	3.0	3.0	—
Cancer of the Cervix	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	—
Lung Cancer	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.8	3.0	2.5	—
Prostate Cancer	2.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	3.5	2.0	—
Breast Cancer	2.0	1.5	4.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	—
Early Side Effects from Treatment	17.8	0.5	0.4	—	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.0	—
Late Side Effects from Treatment	5.0	1.3	2.0	—	2.0	1.0	1.0	10.0	3.0	—
Average Median*	2.0	2.3	3.0	2.0	2.4	2.8	2.1	3.1	2.1	—

*Average median does not include early or late side effects from treatment.

Table 43: Medical Oncology (1997)—Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Cancer of the Larynx	1.5	2.0	2.0	—	2.0	2.3	—	—	1.5	2.0
Cancer of the Cervix	1.5	2.0	2.0	—	2.0	2.0	—	—	1.0	2.0
Lung Cancer	1.5	2.0	2.5	—	1.8	2.0	—	—	1.5	2.0
Breast Cancer	1.3	2.0	3.0	—	2.0	2.0	—	—	2.0	1.5
Side Effects from Treatment	0.1	0.5	—	—	0.5	0.3	—	—	0.0	0.1
Average Median*	1.2	1.7	1.9	—	1.7	1.7	—	—	1.2	1.5

*Average median does not include side effects from treatment.

Table 44: Reasonable Number of Weeks to Wait to Receive Treatment by Specialty in 1997

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Canada
Plastic Surgery	8.4	10.4	12.2	7.3	5.3	5.3	6.7	2.0	15.4	11.3	6.8
Gynaecology	4.3	5.9	11.9	5.1	4.1	4.3	8.8	5.6	4.1	3.6	4.9
Ophthalmology	5.3	4.4	13.7	5.3	5.6	7.5	9.9	3.0	7.4	6.0	6.8
Otolaryngology	5.6	7.4	13.8	5.4	4.5	4.7	6.7	3.3	7.0	7.7	5.6
General Surgery	3.1	3.3	4.0	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.7	2.5	3.5	2.7	3.4
Neurosurgery	4.7	6.0	7.5	4.4	5.5	2.9	7.0	—	2.4	—	4.7
Orthopaedic Surgery	6.8	6.8	12.7	9.3	6.7	7.6	7.9	8.8	7.0	18.7	7.4
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	1.9	2.4	1.3	—	1.0	0.1	5.0	2.0	4.8	—	1.0
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	9.7	6.0	6.5	—	6.0	3.0	12.0	19.0	12.0	—	5.3
Urology	3.5	4.0	5.8	6.0	3.2	4.1	5.1	3.3	3.9	1.8	3.8
Internal Medicine	2.0	2.0	1.4	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.6	2.8	3.6	2.1
Radiation Oncology	2.0	2.3	3.0	2.0	2.4	2.8	2.1	3.1	2.1	—	2.4
Medical Oncology	1.2	1.7	1.9	—	1.7	1.7	—	—	1.2	1.5	1.4
Weighted Median	4.2	4.6	7.0	4.6	3.8	3.9	5.7	4.0	4.8	5.4	4.2

Table 45: Comparison Between the Median Actual Number of Weeks Waited for Treatment and the Median Reasonable Number of Weeks to Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist in 1997

	British Columbia			Alberta			Saskatchewan			Manitoba			Ontario		
	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D
Plastic Surgery	16.6	8.4	97%	11.1	10.4	7%	14.1	12.2	15%	10.8	7.3	47%	5.3	5.3	1%
Gynaecology	8.0	4.3	86%	7.4	5.9	26%	21.5	11.9	81%	5.7	5.1	13%	6.0	4.1	46%
Ophthalmology	7.5	5.3	41%	5.5	4.4	24%	22.1	13.7	61%	16.2	5.3	205%	8.5	5.6	52%
Otolaryngology	8.7	5.6	56%	11.6	7.4	56%	22.3	13.8	62%	6.6	5.4	22%	5.6	4.5	24%
General Surgery	5.7	3.1	85%	5.0	3.3	51%	7.4	4.0	86%	3.7	3.2	15%	3.4	3.2	6%
Neurosurgery	5.7	4.7	21%	13.4	6.0	124%	12.5	7.5	67%	5.6	4.4	29%	6.7	5.5	21%
Orthopaedic Surgery	15.9	6.8	133%	8.4	6.8	24%	25.6	12.5	104%	19.5	9.3	111%	9.6	6.7	43%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	7.4	1.9	289%	1.0	2.4	-58%	1.0	1.3	-23%	—	—	—	1.5	1.0	50%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	15.3	9.7	58%	16.0	6.0	167%	10.0	6.5	54%	18.3	—	—	13.7	6.0	128%
Urology	9.6	3.5	170%	5.2	4.0	29%	9.7	5.8	66%	2.8	6.0	-53%	3.7	3.2	15%
Internal Medicine	5.4	2.0	168%	4.5	2.0	128%	6.3	1.4	363%	5.1	2.5	103%	5.3	2.0	164%
Radiation Oncology	7.4	2.0	270%	2.6	2.3	13%	2.1	3.0	-32%	4.4	2.0	120%	3.3	2.4	38%
Medical Oncology	1.3	1.2	6%	1.8	1.7	3%	3.5	1.9	84%	—	—	—	1.0	1.7	-39%
Weighted Median	8.2	4.2	95%	7.0	4.6	52%	12.4	7.0	77%	7.1	4.6	54%	5.4	3.8	41%

Note: the percent changes may not be exactly as written due to rounding.
A = Median Actual Wait; R = Median Clinically Reasonable Wait; D = Difference

Table 45: Comparison Between the Median Actual Number of Weeks Waited for Treatment and the Median Reasonable Number of Weeks to Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist in 1997

	Quebec			New Brunswick			Newfoundland			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D
Plastic Surgery	7.3	5.3	38%	6.6	6.7	-1%	44.1	2.0	2105%	16.1	15.4	4%	14.6	11.3	29%
Gynaecology	6.7	4.3	57%	10.2	8.8	16%	4.4	5.6	-22%	7.1	4.1	72%	4.4	3.6	23%
Ophthalmology	22.5	7.5	201%	11.2	9.9	13%	4.9	3.0	65%	4.0	7.4	-46%	11.4	6.0	90%
Otolaryngology	6.0	4.7	29%	8.9	6.7	33%	16.9	3.3	413%	7.8	7.0	11%	6.5	7.7	-16%
General Surgery	4.8	3.6	34%	2.8	3.7	-25%	4.1	2.5	61%	3.4	3.5	-2%	3.3	2.7	22%
Neurosurgery	4.5	2.9	57%	5.0	7.0	-29%	—	—	—	18.5	2.4	661%	—	—	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	13.4	7.6	75%	9.8	7.9	24%	4.6	8.8	-48%	9.1	7.0	31%	43.8	18.7	135%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	1.0	0.1	900%	5.0	5.0	0%	2.8	2.0	40%	5.2	4.8	8%	—	—	—
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	11.9	3.0	297%	24.0	12.0	100%	52.0	19.0	174%	12.5	12.0	4%	—	—	—
Urology	3.9	4.1	-3%	8.8	5.1	73%	3.0	3.3	-8%	5.2	3.9	32%	6.8	1.8	276%
Internal Medicine	2.7	2.0	35%	4.2	2.0	107%	3.5	3.6	-2%	3.8	2.8	39%	2.4	3.6	-33%
Radiation Oncology	5.2	2.8	86%	2.2	2.1	5%	1.9	3.1	-39%	2.4	2.1	14%	—	—	—
Medical Oncology	2.0	1.7	17%	1.5	—	—	—	—	—	3.8	1.2	213%	1.9	1.5	23%
Weighted Median	7.1	3.9	82%	6.9	5.7	21%	7.9	4.0	98%	6.0	4.8	25%	7.3	5.4	35%

Note: the percent changes may not be exactly as written due to rounding.
A = Median Actual Wait; R = Median Clinically Reasonable Wait; D = Difference



Appendix 1 The Fraser Institute National Hospital Waiting List Survey

General Surgery

- From today, how long (in weeks) would a new patient have to wait for a routine office consultation with you?
_____ week(s)
- Do you restrict the number of patients waiting to see you in any manner? (*i.e.* Do you accept referrals only at certain times of the year?)
_____ Yes _____ No
- Over the past 12 months, what percentage of the surgical procedures you performed were done on a day-surgery basis?
_____ %
- From today, how long (in weeks) would a new patient have to wait for the following types of elective surgery or diagnostic procedures? What would you consider to be a clinically reasonable waiting time for these types of surgery and procedures?

Surgery or Procedure	Number of Weeks to Wait	Reasonable Number of Weeks to Wait
Hernia repair (all types)/ hydrocele		
Cholecystectomy		
Colonoscopy (diagnostic)		
Incision, excision, anastomosis of intestine and other operations on intestine		
Haemorrhoidectomy / other anal surgery		
Breast biopsy		
Mastectomy / segmental resection		
Operations on bronchus and lung		
Incidentally discovered and unruptured aneurysms		
Varicose vein surgery		

- Has the length of your waiting lists changed since last year at this time?
_____ Increased _____ Decreased _____ Remained the Same

6. If the length of your waiting lists has changed, what are the major reasons for the change?
(Check all which may be applicable.)

- Availability of O/R nurses
- Availability of other technical staff
- Availability of beds
- Availability of O/R time
- Change in patient load
- Availability of ancillary investigations or consultations (i.e. MRI, CT scans)
- Other



7. What percentage of your patients currently waiting for surgery are on a waiting list primarily because they requested a delay or postponement?

_____ %

8. What percentage of your patients currently waiting for surgery do you think would agree to having their surgery within the week if an opening arose in O/R?

_____ %

9. To the best of your knowledge, what percentage of your patients that are listed on hospital waiting lists might also be listed by other physicians for the same procedure?

_____ %

10. Do you use the following types of diagnostic tests? If so, how long (in weeks) would a new patient have to wait for these tests?

Do you use this diagnostic test?	Yes	No	Infrequently	Number of weeks patients wait
CT Scan				
MRI				
Ultrasound				

11. Approximately what percentage of your patients inquired in the past 12 months about the availability of medical services:

Outside of the province? _____ % Outside of Canada? _____ %

12. Approximately what percentage of your patients received non-emergency medical treatment in the past 12 months:

Outside of the province? _____ % Outside of Canada? _____ %

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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