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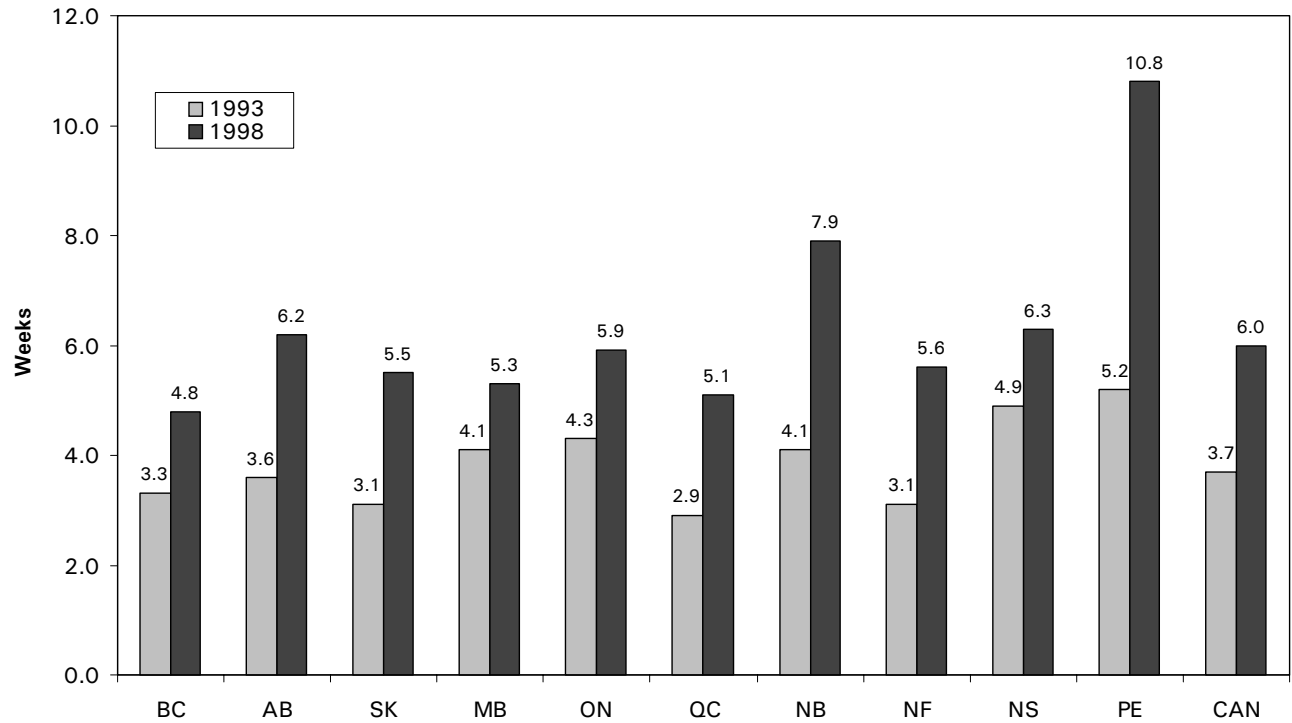
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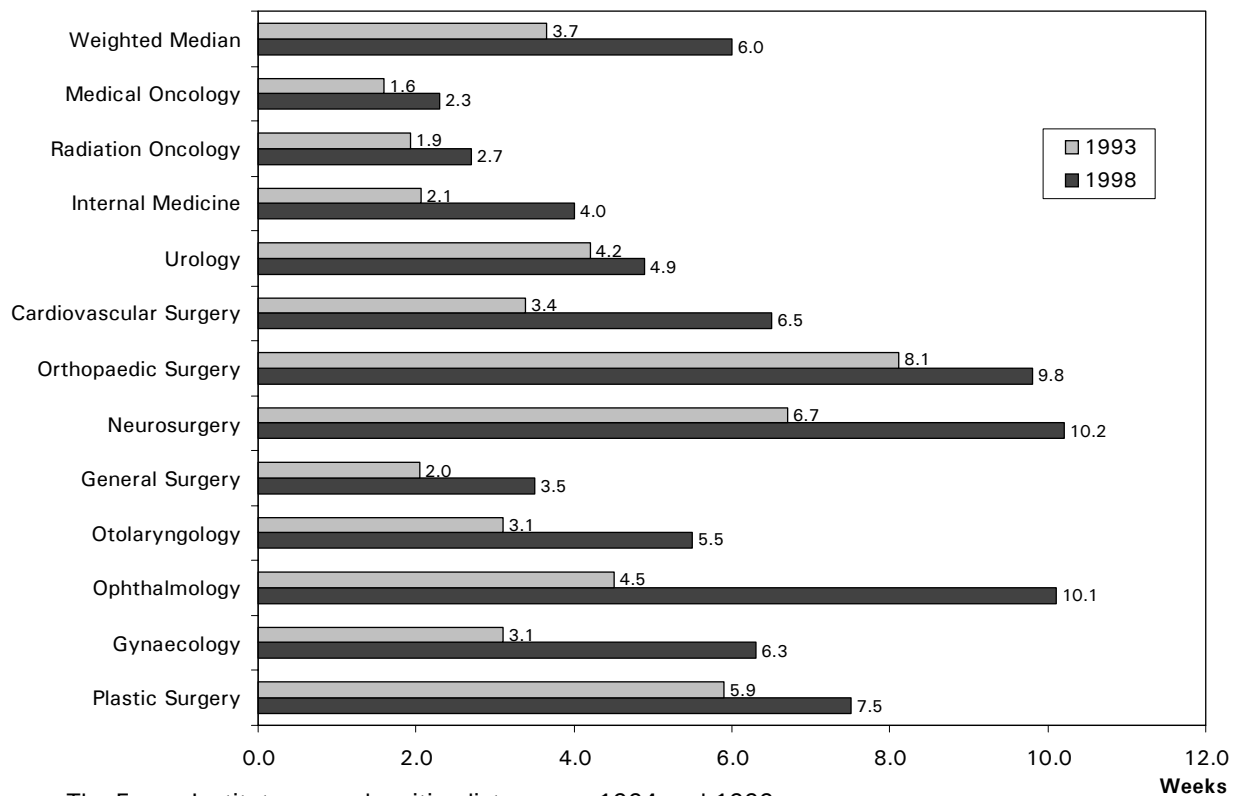
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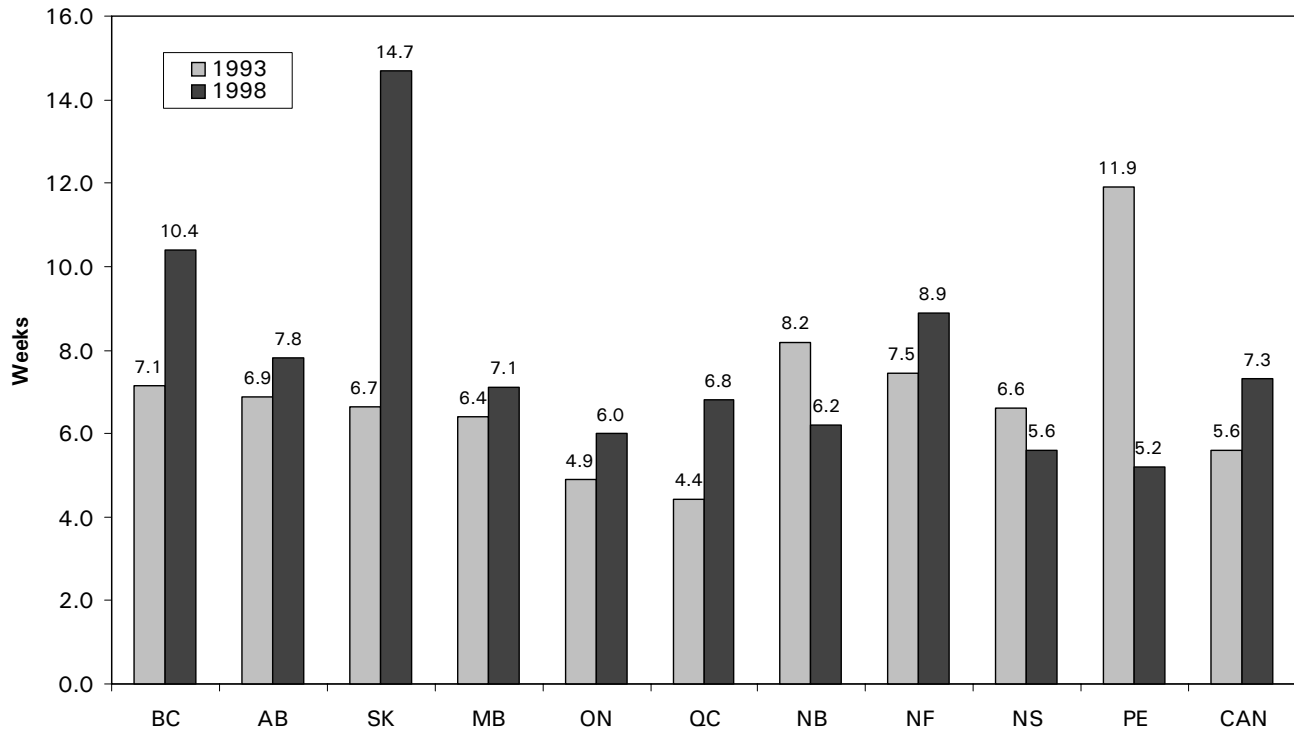
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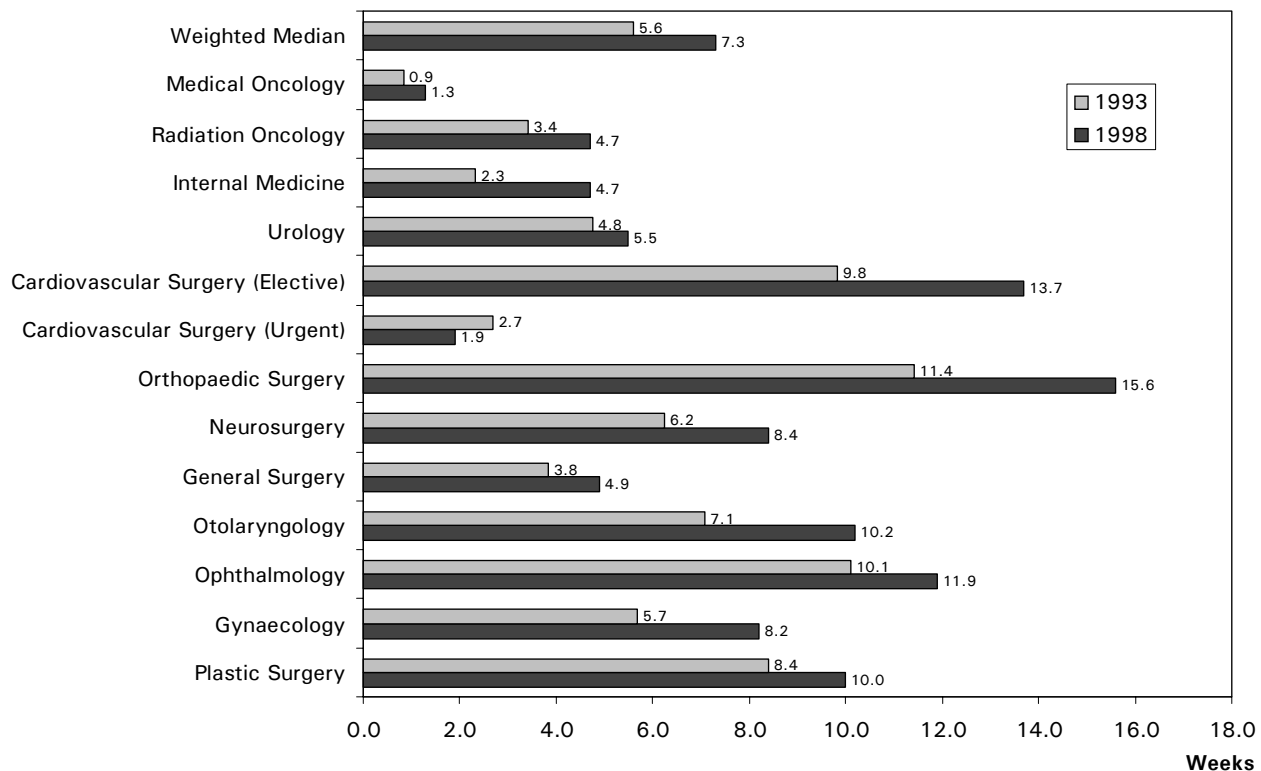
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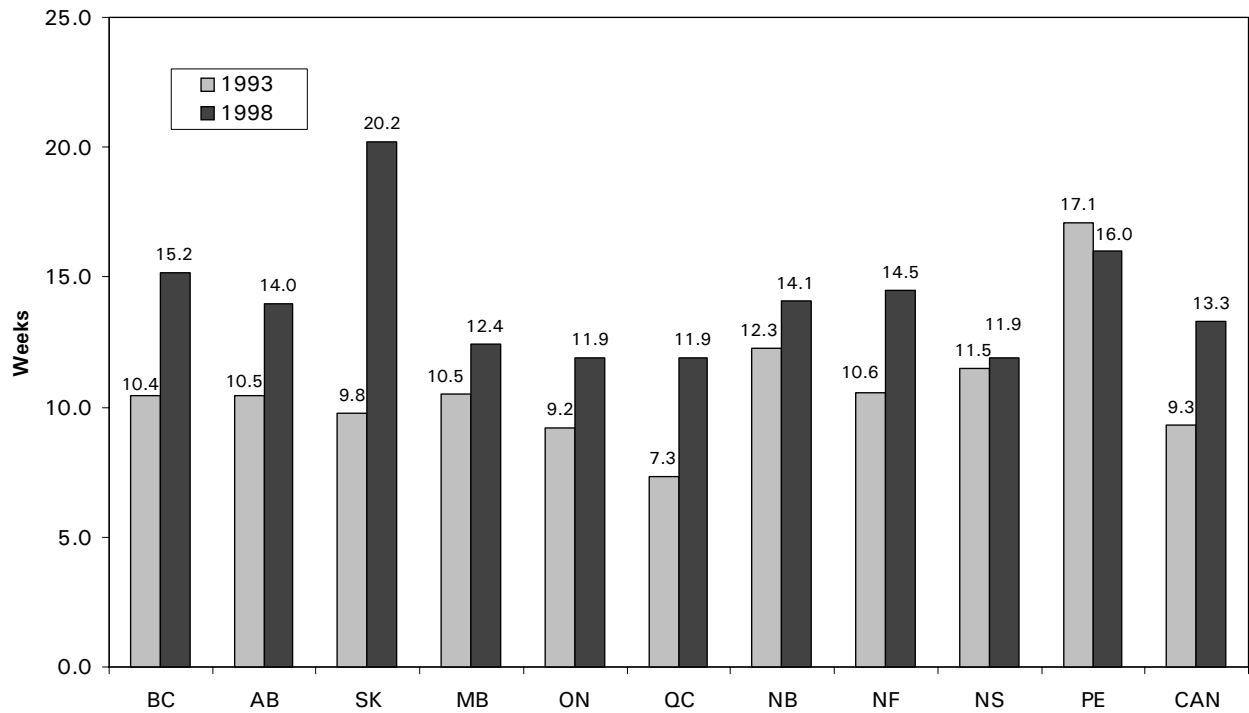
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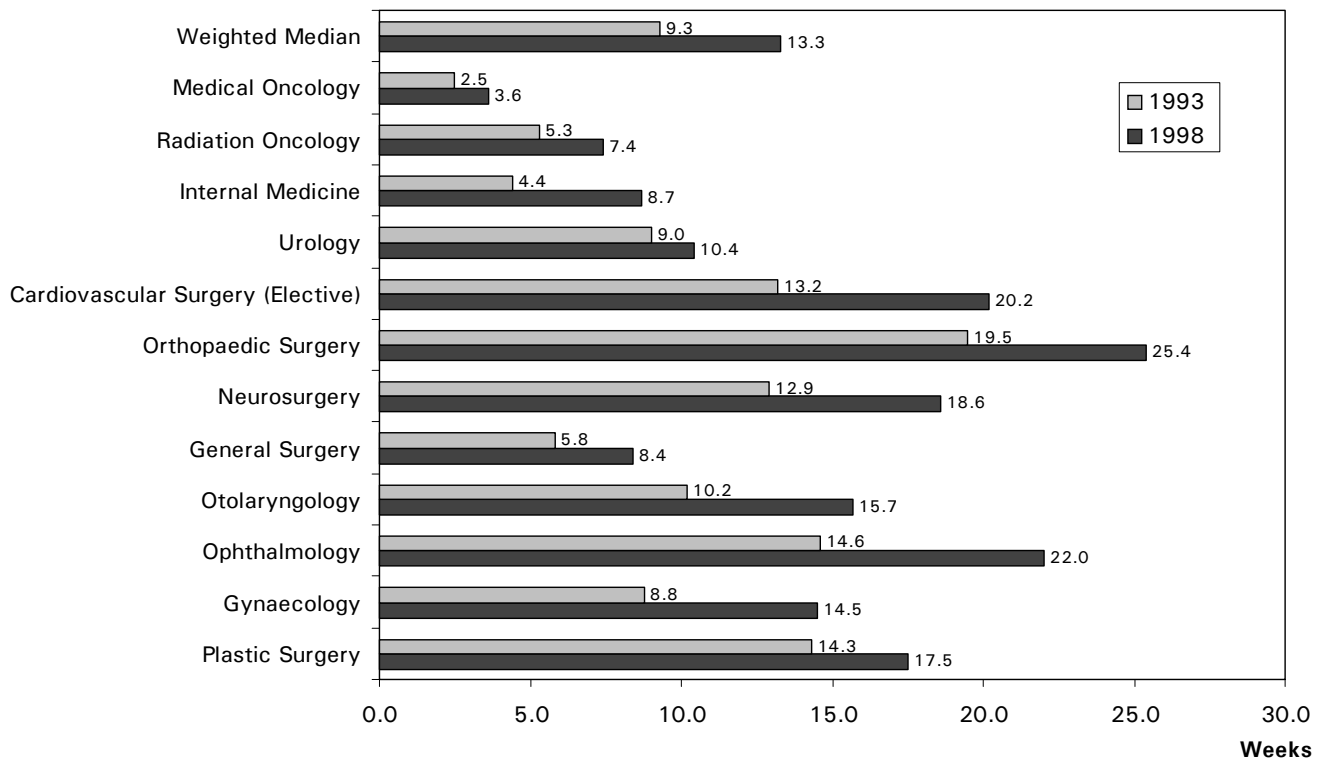
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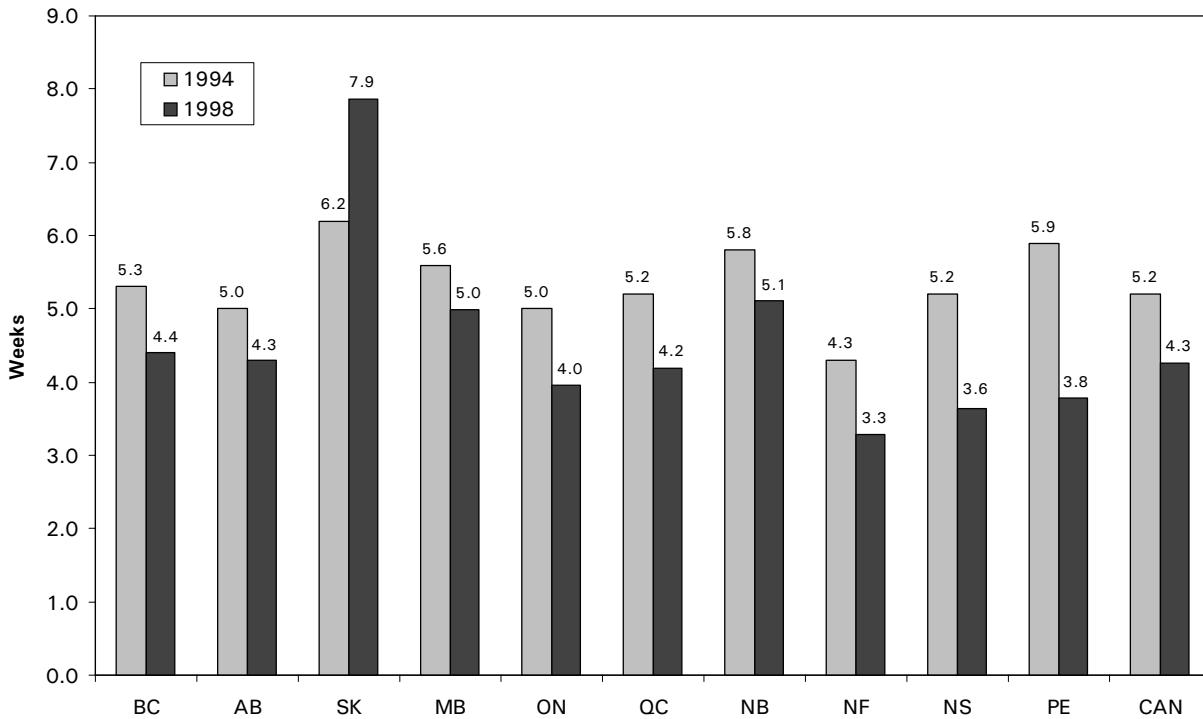
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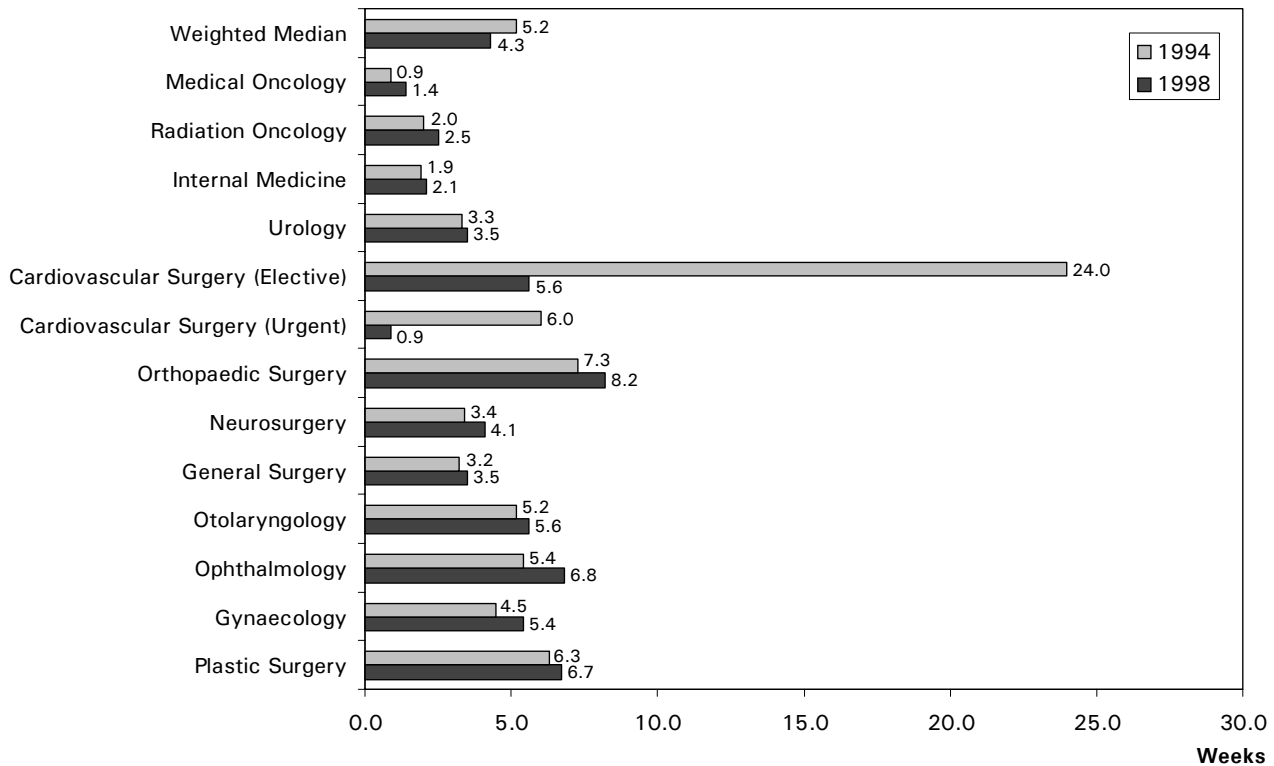
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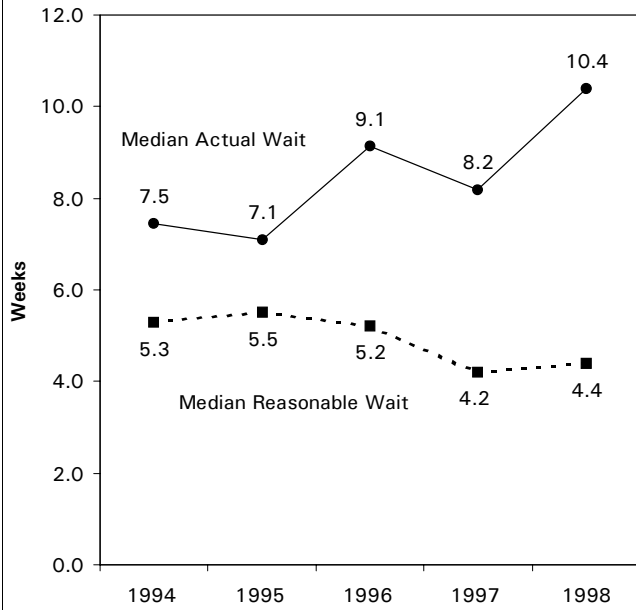
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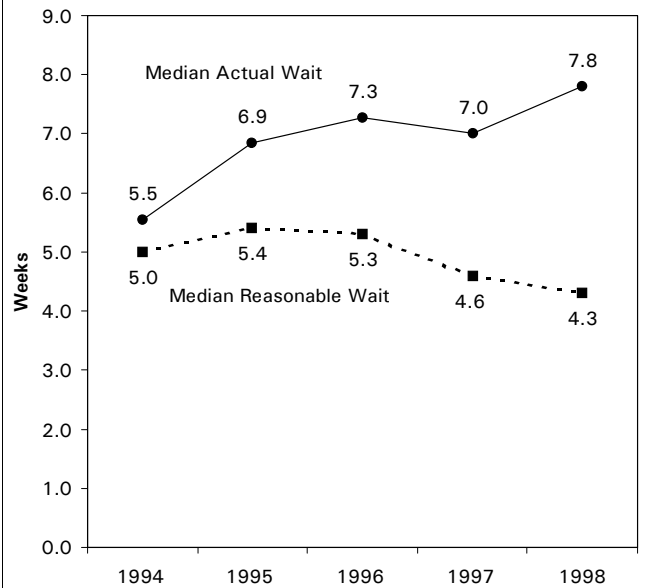
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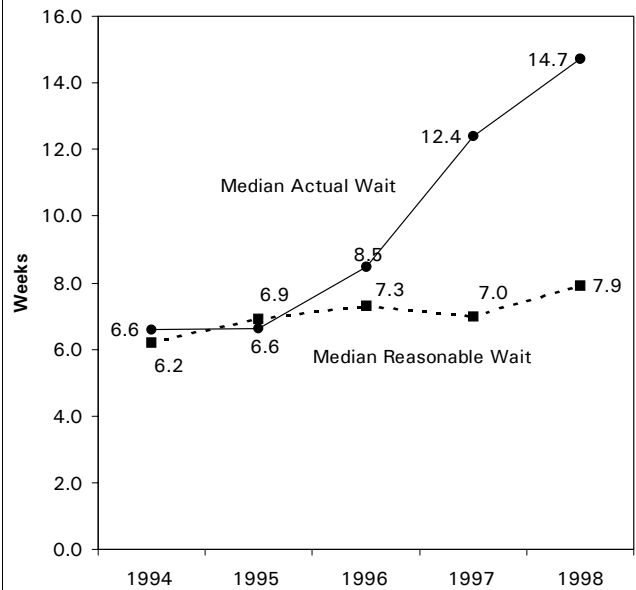
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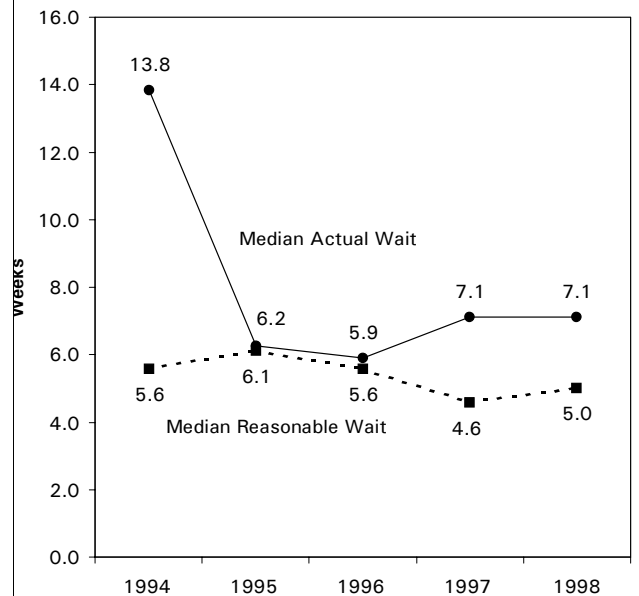
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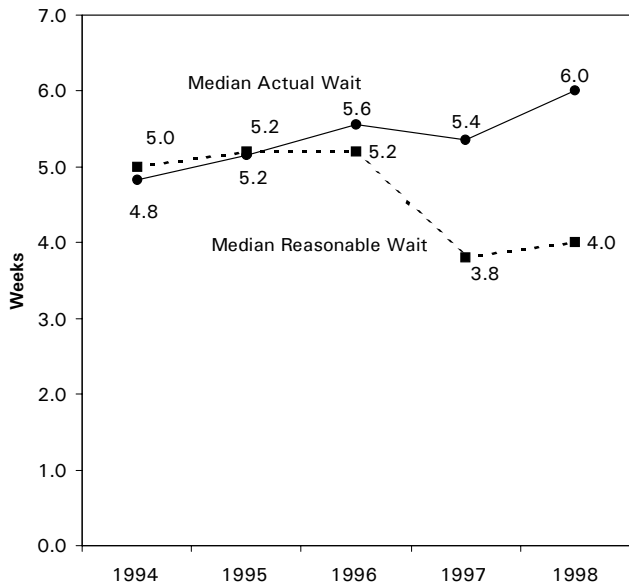
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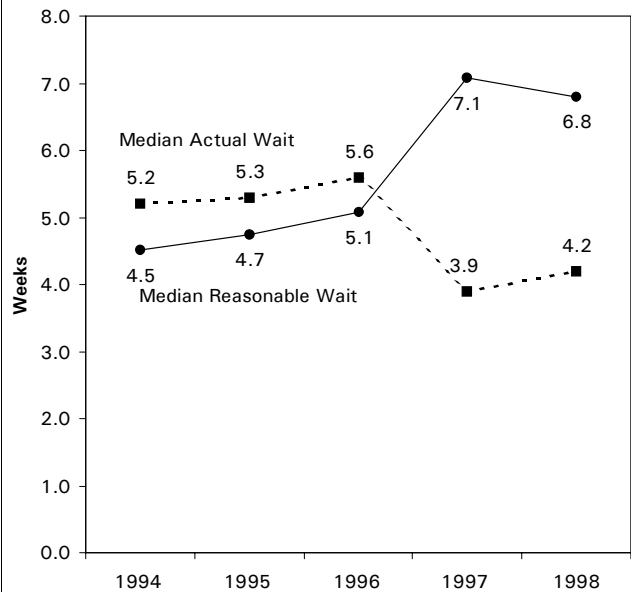
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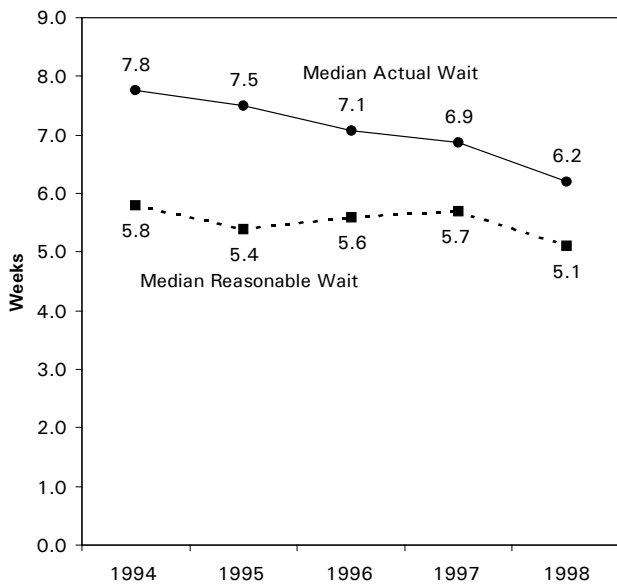
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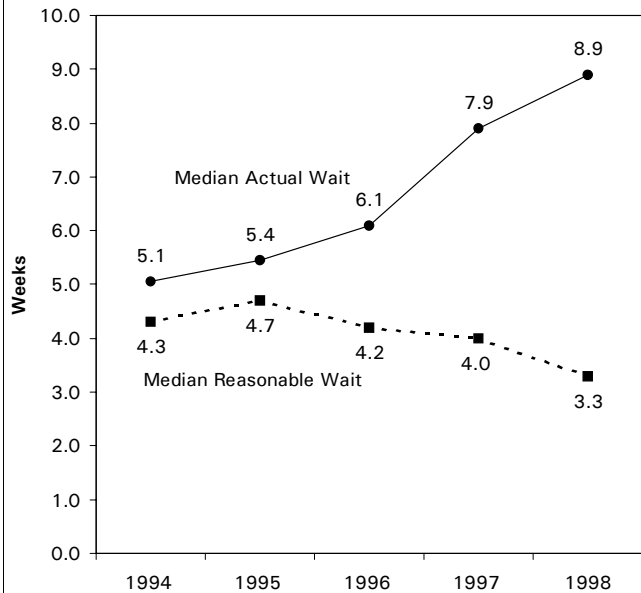
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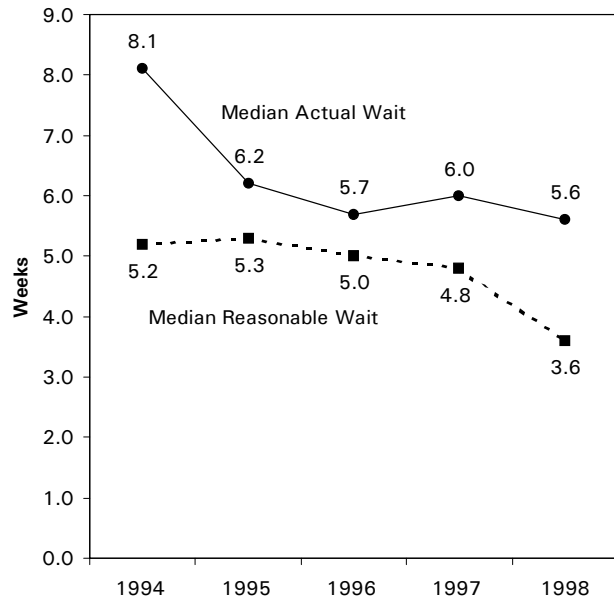
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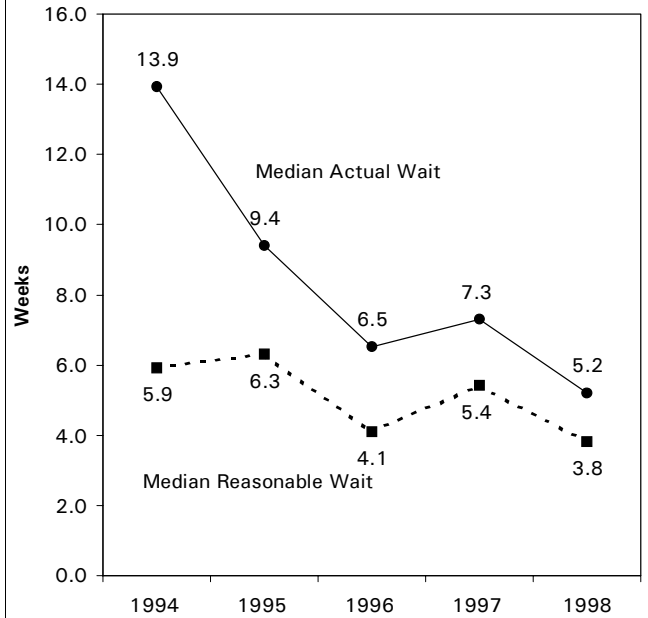
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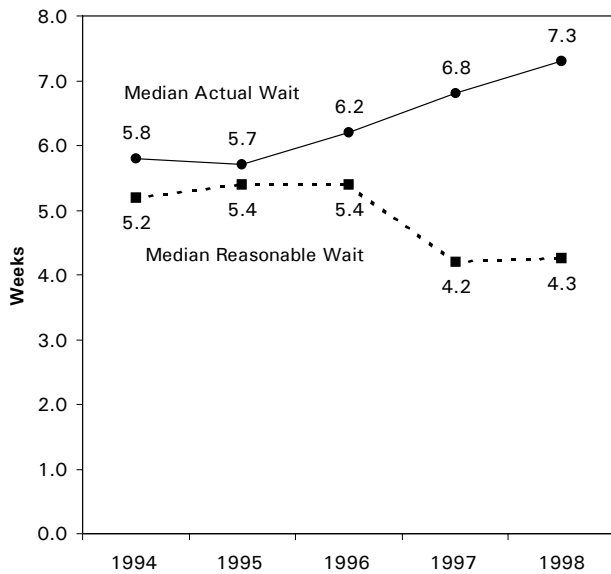
Source: The Fraser Institute, annual waiting list survey, 1995 to 1999

Graph 18: Prince Edward Island—actual vs. reasonable waits from specialist to treatment, 1994 through 1998



Source: The Fraser Institute, annual waiting list survey, 1995 to 1999

Graph 19: Canada—actual vs. reasonable waits from specialist to treatment, 1994 through 1998



Source: The Fraser Institute, annual waiting list survey, 1995 to 1999

Table 1a: Summary of Responses, 1998 — Response Rate (Percentages)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Total
Plastic Surgery	32%	17%	60%	23%	21%	20%	21%	50%	44%	0%	24%
Gynaecology	27%	27%	26%	21%	26%	20%	25%	21%	23%	40%	24%
Ophthalmology	30%	24%	35%	30%	27%	21%	38%	27%	23%	0%	26%
Otolaryngology	30%	29%	23%	20%	24%	22%	33%	14%	39%	0%	24%
General Surgery	22%	20%	26%	21%	20%	21%	22%	21%	27%	50%	21%
Neurosurgery	37%	21%	33%	50%	19%	17%	33%	33%	38%	—	24%
Orthopaedic Surgery	32%	35%	27%	38%	33%	20%	25%	21%	34%	33%	29%
Cardiovascular Surgery	22%	20%	20%	20%	20% ¹	23%	25% ¹	50% ¹	25%	—	22%
Urology	37%	25%	24%	22%	21%	22%	35%	43%	38%	0%	25%
Internal Medicine	20%	19%	20%	20%	20%	18%	31%	23%	20%	33%	20%
Radiation Oncology	7% ²	19%	20%	0%	21%	25%	43%	33% ²	14% ²	—	19%
Medical Oncology	47%	29%	20%	—	18%	18%	0%	100%	20%	100%	22%
Total	27%	24%	27%	23%	24%	20%	29%	24%	26%	31%	23%

¹ Ontario survey data are supplemented by Cardiac Care Network of Ontario data for elective open-heart surgery. New Brunswick and Newfoundland figures are supplemented by provincial Department of Health and Community Services data.

² BC data are supplemented by BC Ministry of Health data, Newfoundland data by Department of Health and Community Services data, and Nova Scotia data by Ministry of Health data.

Table 1b: Summary of Responses, 1998 — Number of Responses

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Total
Plastic Surgery	18	6	9	3	33	24	3	1	4	0	101
Gynaecology	48	32	10	13	155	79	7	5	11	2	362
Ophthalmology	51	19	8	8	103	58	10	3	10	0	270
Otolaryngology	21	9	3	4	49	43	4	1	7	0	141
General Surgery	37	25	14	14	109	104	8	6	16	4	337
Neurosurgery	11	4	3	3	15	10	2	1	3	—	52
Orthopaedic Surgery	48	33	7	13	124	59	6	3	10	1	304
Cardiovascular Surgery	5	3	1	1	11	13	1	1	1	—	37
Urology	25	9	4	4	44	31	7	3	8	0	135
Internal Medicine	52	39	14	23	105	74	11	9	18	2	347
Radiation Oncology	3	5	1	0	24	16	3	1	1	—	54
Medical Oncology	14	4	1	—	15	20	0	1	1	1	57
Total	333	188	75	86	787	531	62	35	90	10	2,197

Table 1c: Summary of Responses, 1998 — Number of Questionnaires Mailed Out

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	Total
Plastic Surgery	56	35	15	13	158	118	14	2	9	2	422
Gynaecology	176	120	38	61	604	395	28	24	48	5	1,499
Ophthalmology	169	79	23	27	387	281	26	11	43	4	1,050
Otolaryngology	71	31	13	20	208	199	12	7	18	1	580
General Surgery	167	123	54	67	543	507	36	29	60	8	1,594
Neurosurgery	30	19	9	6	77	58	6	3	8	0	216
Orthopaedic Surgery	152	93	26	34	379	296	24	14	29	3	1,050
Cardiovascular Surgery	23	15	5	5	56	57	4	2	4	0	171
Urology	68	36	17	18	207	141	20	7	21	2	537
Internal Medicine	265	204	69	115	513	406	35	40	89	6	1,742
Radiation Oncology	45	27	5	5	116	65	7	3	7	0	280
Medical Oncology	30	14	5	0	84	113	2	1	5	1	255
Total	1,252	796	279	371	3,332	2,636	214	143	341	32	9,396

Table 2: Median 1998 Patient Wait to see a Specialist after Referral from a GP (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	CAN
Plastic Surgery	10.0	12.0	5.0	12.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	16.0	—	7.5
Gynaecology	2.5	6.5	7.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	3.5	6.0	5.3	6.3
Ophthalmology	6.0	6.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	10.0	6.0	10.0	12.0	52.0	10.1
Otolaryngology	3.0	14.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	5.8	5.0	10.0	—	5.5
General Surgery	3.5	3.0	5.0	3.5	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	1.5	3.5
Neurosurgery	6.0	12.0	16.0	6.0	10.0	8.0	13.5	6.0	3.0	—	10.2
Orthopaedic Surgery	10.0	12.0	6.0	6.0	9.5	8.0	3.5	12.0	8.0	8.0	9.8
Cardiovascular Surgery	2.0	4.0	4.0	1.5	3.5	3.0	150.0	8.0	—	—	6.5
Urology	4.0	4.5	4.0	7.0	4.8	4.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	8.0	4.9
Internal Medicine	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	5.0	9.3	4.0
Radiation Oncology	2.0	3.0	2.0	1.5	2.5	1.8	3.0	2.0	2.0	—	2.7
Medical Oncology	1.5	2.0	3.0	—	2.0	2.0	—	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.3
Weighted Median	4.8	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.9	5.1	7.9	5.6	6.3	10.8	6.0

Table 3: Plastic Surgery (1998) — Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF	NS	PE
Mammoplasty	28.0	17.0	32.0	16.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	52.0	52.0	—
Neurolysis	9.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	12.0	—
Blepharoplasty	12.0	8.0	8.0	20.0	5.0	4.0	10.0	8.0	17.0	—
Rhinoplasty	20.0	10.0	19.0	20.0	6.0	4.0	11.0	12.0	17.0	—
Scar Revision	16.0	16.0	12.0	20.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	8.0	26.0	—
Hand Surgery	16.0	16.0	20.0	16.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	12.0	—
Craniofacial Procedures	11.0	10.0	11.5	16.0	6.0	8.5	4.0	8.0	24.0	—
Skin Cancer and Other Tumors	4.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	—
Weighted Median ¹	17.9	13.8	17.1	18.2	7.1	5.7	8.5	10.7	21.3	—

¹ Weighted median does not include craniofacial procedures or skin cancers and other tumors.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show an average wait of 10.3 weeks for plastic surgery as of December 31, 1998.

Table 4: Gynaecology (1998) — Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF	NS	PE
Dilation & Curettage	4.0	8.0	7.5	4.5	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.8
Tubal Ligation	8.0	8.0	20.0	11.0	5.0	7.5	12.0	5.0	7.0	4.3
Hysterectomy (Vaginal/Abdominal)	11.0	8.0	24.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	12.0	6.5	7.0	5.0
Vaginal Repair	10.5	8.0	25.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	12.0	7.0	9.0	5.3
Tuboplasty	13.5	9.5	26.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	12.0	8.0	10.0	0.0
Laparoscopic Procedures	7.5	8.0	19.0	11.0	5.0	6.0	12.0	5.5	6.0	2.8
Hysteroscopic Procedures	8.0	8.0	10.5	8.0	4.0	5.0	8.0	5.5	6.0	3.0
Weighted Median ¹	10.5	8.2	21.4	8.6	6.6	7.3	11.4	5.9	7.1	4.1

¹ Weighted median does not include hysteroscopic procedures.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services Department data show an average wait of 6.8 weeks for gynaecology as of December 31, 1998.

Table 5: Ophthalmology (1998) – Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF	NS	PE
Cataract Removal	17.0	8.0	18.0	18.0	16.0	15.5	8.0	4.0	16.0	12.0
Cornea Transplant	38.0	23.0	46.0	0.0	24.0	18.0	33.0	3.0	67.5	52.0
Cornea – Pterygium	14.0	6.0	14.0	6.0	12.0	12.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	12.0
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	12.0	5.0	16.0	8.0	10.0	12.0	7.0	6.0	6.5	–
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	8.0	2.0	6.5	0.0	4.0	5.0	6.5	–	5.5	–
Lacrimal Duct	12.0	7.0	16.0	10.0	12.0	11.0	8.0	8.0	34.0	–
Strabismus	14.0	7.5	16.0	14.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	8.0	6.0	12.0
Operations on Eyelids	7.0	6.0	16.0	4.0	6.0	10.0	5.0	4.5	5.5	12.0
Glaucoma	8.0	5.0	13.5	2.5	8.0	8.0	9.0	3.3	6.5	12.0
Weighted Median ¹	11.9	5.2	14.5	10.1	10.9	13.9	7.9	4.9	11.3	12.0

¹ Weighted median does not include cornea transplant or operations for glaucoma.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show an average wait of 10.3 weeks for ophthalmology as of December 31, 1998.

Table 6: Otolaryngology (1998) – Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ¹	NF	NS	PE
Myringotomy	8.0	5.5	5.0	3.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	7.0	5.5	–
Tympanoplasty	16.0	14.0	20.0	3.5	7.0	8.0	8.3	24.0	10.0	–
Thyroid & Other Endocrine Glands	12.0	10.5	6.0	2.3	8.0	8.0	6.0	28.0	7.0	–
Tonsillectomy &/or Adenoidectomy	13.0	8.5	36.0	3.5	7.0	8.0	10.5	28.0	13.5	–
Rhinoplasty &/or Septal Surgery	18.0	11.0	20.0	3.5	7.0	10.0	9.0	52.0	10.0	–
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	16.0	15.0	28.0	3.5	7.3	8.0	7.0	24.0	11.5	–
Weighted Median	13.8	9.4	29.9	3.4	7.1	8.3	9.6	29.9	11.8	–

¹ NB Department of Health and Community Services data show an average wait of 19.8 weeks for otolaryngology as of December 31, 1998.

Table 7: General Surgery (1998) — Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF	NS	PE
Hernia/Hydrocele	12.0	6.0	14.0	8.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.8
Cholecystectomy	11.0	6.0	14.0	7.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.8
Colonoscopy	6.0	8.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.5	3.5	5.5	2.5
Intestinal Operations	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.0	2.3	3.0	2.3
Haemorrhoidectomy	12.0	7.5	13.0	7.5	4.0	10.0	4.0	2.8	4.0	2.5
Breast Biopsy	3.0	2.0	2.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.5
Mastectomy	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.0	2.0	1.5
Bronchus & Lung	1.5	0.0	2.0	—	2.8	3.0	2.0	—	2.0	3.0
Aneurysm Surgery	6.5	6.0	2.0	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	—	12.0	—
Varicose Veins	12.0	7.0	16.5	7.5	5.0	12.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	2.5
Weighted Median ¹	7.6	4.6	9.3	5.8	3.4	5.6	3.2	2.7	3.1	2.5

¹ Weighted median does not include aneurysm surgery.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services Department data show an average wait of 5.7 weeks for general surgery as of December 31, 1998.

Table 8: Neurosurgery (1998) — Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF	NS	PE
Peripheral Nerve	7.0	24.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	6.0	11.0	8.0	6.0	—
Disc Surgery/Laminectomy	7.5	27.0	12.0	9.5	8.0	6.0	18.0	6.0	8.0	—
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	4.3	16.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	12.0	2.0	6.0	—
Aneurysm Surgery	4.3	6.0	4.0	—	5.0	4.0	7.0	—	7.0	—
Carotid Endarterectomy	—	2.5	4.0	—	3.5	3.0	6.0	—	3.0	—
Weighted Median ¹	6.6	22.9	10.7	8.1	7.3	5.4	15.9	5.5	7.3	—

¹ Weighted median does not include aneurysm surgery or carotid endarterectomy.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show an average wait of 7.3 weeks for neurosurgery as of December 31, 1998.

Table 9: Orthopaedic Surgery (1998) — Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF	NS	PE
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	12.0	14.0	17.5	10.0	8.0	8.5	6.0	6.0	10.0	5.0
Removal of Pins	12.0	15.0	15.0	10.0	8.0	16.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	8.0
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Etc.)	26.0	24.0	52.0	26.0	16.0	24.0	7.5	5.0	16.0	45.0
Arthroplasty (Interphalageal)	15.0	16.0	20.0	14.0	10.0	14.0	7.5	4.0	5.3	12.0
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	15.0	14.5	24.0	14.0	10.0	12.0	10.0	4.0	10.0	12.0
Digit Neuroma	12.0	12.0	13.5	12.0	8.0	12.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	12.0
Rotator Cuff Repair	16.0	16.0	8.0	12.0	8.5	12.0	7.5	7.0	16.0	12.0
Ostectomy (All Types)	16.0	14.0	15.0	12.0	10.0	12.0	9.5	9.5	8.0	12.0
Routine Spinal Instability	22.0	14.0	20.0	14.0	12.0	12.0	20.0	9.0	10.0	—
Weighted Median ¹	20.0	18.4	31.0	18.2	12.4	15.6	7.8	6.2	12.4	33.3

¹ Weighted median does not include removal of pins or routine spinal instability.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show an average wait of 11.5 weeks for orthopaedic surgery as of December 31, 1998.

Table 10: Cardiovascular Surgery (1998) — Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF ¹	NS	PE
Emergent	Coronary Artery Bypass	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	—	0.3	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	0.1	1.3	—	0.3	0.1	0.0	—	0.4	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	0.0	—	—	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	0.0	—	—	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	—
	Pacemaker Operations	0.1	1.1	0.0	—	0.1	0.1	0.0	—	—
Urgent	Coronary Artery Bypass	6.8	2.5	2.0	6.0	1.4	1.0	—	4.0	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	6.0	3.3	3.5	6.0	1.8	1.0	—	4.0	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	6.0	—	—	6.0	1.0	0.2	2.0	4.0	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	4.0	—	—	6.0	1.0	0.5	3.0	2.0	—
	Pacemaker Operations	2.0	2.2	0.4	—	1.0	1.0	0.5	—	—
Elective	Coronary Artery Bypass	22.0	10.0	18.0	8.0	16.0	10.0	—	52.0	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	24.0	11.0	17.0	8.0	18.0	12.0	—	52.0	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	14.0	—	17.0	8.0	8.5	7.0	3.5	10.0	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	12.0	—	—	8.0	3.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	—
	Pacemaker Operations	13.0	9.5	2.5	—	3.0	3.0	3.5	—	—

¹ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data show an average waiting time of 24 to 104 weeks for elective cardiovascular surgery.

Table 11: Urology (1998) – Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF	NS	PE
Non-radical Prostatectomy	12.0	6.0	26.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	—
Radical Prostatectomy	6.0	5.0	5.5	2.5	5.0	4.0	7.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
Transurethral Resection—Bladder	4.0	3.0	5.0	2.5	4.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	3.5	6.0
Radical Cystectomy	4.0	4.5	6.5	3.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	3.0
Cystoscopy	8.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	10.0	2.0	5.5	0.0
Hernia/Hydrocele	12.0	6.0	38.0	5.8	5.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	6.3	7.0
Bladder Fulgration	5.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	3.5	0.0
Ureteral Reimplantation for Reflux	12.0	5.0	26.0	8.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	6.5	—
Weighted Median ¹	9.7	4.7	17.4	3.8	4.1	3.5	7.4	3.1	4.8	2.8

¹ Weighted median does not include radical prostatectomy, radical cystectomy or ureteral reimplantation for reflux.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show an average wait of 4.8 weeks for urology as of Dec. 31, 1998.

Table 12: Internal Medicine (1998) – Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Colonoscopy	6.0	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.5	1.0	4.0	2.5
Angiography/Angioplasty	8.0	7.8	6.8	12.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	4.5	6.0	8.0
Bronchoscopy	3.0	2.0	1.5	6.0	2.0	2.5	4.0	1.0	3.0	8.0
Gastroscopy	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.5	5.0	1.0	3.0	10.0
Weighted Median	6.1	5.5	5.0	6.0	4.5	3.9	5.9	2.3	4.7	8.7

Table 13: Radiation Oncology (1998) – Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC ²	AB ³	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Cancer of the Larynx	4.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	2.8	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	—
Cancer of the Cervix	3.5	2.8	1.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	—
Lung Cancer	4.0	2.8	2.0	3.0	3.5	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	—
Prostate Cancer	24.0	10.0	2.0	18.0	6.0	8.0	2.8	3.0	2.0	—
Breast Cancer	12.0	3.0	2.0	7.0	5.0	8.0	2.3	2.0	2.0	—
Early Side Effects from Treatment	0.0	2.0	0.0	—	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	—	—
Late Side Effects from Treatment	—	3.0	0.0	—	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	—	—
Average Median ¹	9.5	4.3	1.6	7.6	4.1	5.4	2.2	2.2	2.0	—

¹ Average median does not include early or late side effects from treatment.

² BC Cancer Agency and BC Ministry of Health data show a waiting time of approximately 2 weeks for radiotherapy after consultation with a specialist as of December 1998.

³ Alberta's Cross Cancer Institute data show a waiting time of 3 weeks for radiotherapy after consultation with a specialist as of the end of 1998.

Table 14 Medical Oncology (1998) – Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB ²	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Cancer of the Larynx	1.3	2.0	3.5	—	1.8	1.0	—	6.0	—	1.0
Cancer of the Cervix	1.5	1.0	3.0	—	1.5	1.5	—	—	—	1.0
Lung Cancer	1.5	2.5	3.0	—	1.5	1.0	—	6.0	0.0	1.0
Breast Cancer	1.5	2.3	5.5	—	1.3	1.0	—	5.0	0.0	1.0
Side Effects from Treatment	0.5	1.0	0.5	—	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	0.0	0.1
Average Median ¹	1.4	1.9	3.8	—	1.5	1.1	—	5.7	0.0	1.0

¹ Average median does not include side effects from treatment.

² Alberta's Cross Cancer Institute shows a waiting time of 1 week for treatment after consultation with a specialist as of the end of 1998.

Table 15: Plastic Surgery (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF	NS	PE
Mammoplasty	296	134	39	28	235	225	44	6	57	—
Neurolysis	97	114	69	44	275	200	16	10	42	—
Blepharoplasty	50	9	12	11	26	24	4	1	5	—
Rhinoplasty	460	67	142	72	240	249	39	18	65	—
Scar Revision	298	148	56	71	253	121	20	10	42	—
Hand Surgery	89	50	42	25	101	52	4	2	5	—
Total	1,291	523	359	250	1,131	871	128	46	218	—
Total/100,000 population	33	19	35	22	10	12	17	8	23	—

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 3,351 patients waiting for plastic surgery as of December 1998.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show 1,292 patients waiting for plastic surgery as of December 31, 1998.

Table 16: Gynaecology (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF ³	NS	PE
Dilation & Curettage	90	146	80	27	157	227	24	21	16	6
Tubal Ligation	75	160	168	167	119	391	49	29	15	9
Hysterectomy (Vaginal/Abdominal)	1,706	1,072	775	352	2,784	2,412	549	173	620	32
Vaginal Repair	85	65	77	16	155	170	35	9	42	1
Tuboplasty	349	235	208	71	653	349	42	19	69	0
Laparoscopic Procedures	81	101	40	50	192	280	29	12	32	1
Total	2,385	1,779	1,348	683	4,061	3,828	728	263	795	48
Total/100,000 population	61	63	132	60	36	52	95	46	84	35

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 6,112 patients waiting for gynaecology treatment as of December 1998.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show 1,527 patients waiting for gynaecology treatment as of December 31, 1998.

³ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data show 528 patients waiting for gynaecology treatment as of April 1998.

Table 17: Ophthalmology (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF ³	NS	PE
Cataract Removal	518	190	319	294	2,395	5,679	313	35	390	17
Cornea - Pterygium	123	29	22	16	330	207	11	4	16	3
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	65	30	43	28	394	315	16	7	27	—
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	198	39	47	0	364	290	10	—	65	—
Lacrimal Duct	80	12	22	9	176	152	6	10	20	—
Strabismus	58	6	21	3	57	169	5	6	8	0
Operations on Eyelids	58	19	28	5	74	131	6	3	7	1
Total	1,101	326	501	356	3,790	6,943	366	64	534	21
Total/100,000 population	28	12	49	31	33	94	48	11	56	15

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 8,012 patients waiting for ophthalmology treatment as of December 1998.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show 1,862 patients waiting for ophthalmology treatment as of Dec. 31, 1998.

³ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data show 381 patients waiting for ophthalmology treatment as of April 1998.

Table 18: Otolaryngology (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF ³	NS	PE
Myringotomy	38	24	4	3	136	237	14	5	9	—
Tympanoplasty	125	105	38	11	173	230	23	74	24	—
Thyroid & Other Endocrine Glands	259	198	72	14	551	286	30	93	54	—
Tonsillectomy &/or Adenoidectomy	1,573	1,802	1,414	232	2,559	1,154	383	747	684	—
Rhinoplasty &/or Septal Surgery	471	82	118	17	380	750	29	236	113	—
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	257	156	89	5	303	279	13	36	37	—
Total	2,723	2,368	1,734	282	4,103	2,937	491	1,192	922	—
Total/100,000 population	70	84	169	25	36	40	64	210	97	—

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 3,978 patients waiting for otolaryngology treatment as of December 1998.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show 1,570 patients waiting for otolaryngology treatment as of December 31, 1998.

³ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data show 828 patients waiting for otolaryngology treatment as of April 1998.

Table 19: General Surgery (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF ³	NS	PE
Hernia/Hydrocele	1,550	668	995	342	1,778	3,312	147	83	149	16
Cholecystectomy	2,020	1,046	1,137	751	2,496	3,217	296	155	208	21
Colonoscopy	78	62	36	19	236	296	75	26	30	4
Intestinal Operations	615	364	251	138	1,045	782	114	82	198	17
Haemorrhoidectomy	379	203	163	61	313	810	33	13	33	4
Breast Biopsy	76	49	14	24	191	201	21	2	12	1
Mastectomy	122	67	47	44	330	231	19	11	25	2
Bronchus & Lung	68	0	22	—	370	217	20	—	79	3
Varicose Veins	170	119	136	58	323	1,779	12	22	14	0
Total	5,078	2,579	2,801	1,437	7,082	10,845	736	393	748	69
Total/100,000 population	130	92	273	125	63	146	97	69	79	50

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 8,611 patients waiting for general surgery as of December 1998.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show 2,352 patients waiting for general surgery as of December 31, 1998.

³ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data show 860 patients waiting for general surgery as of April 1998.

Table 20 Neurosurgery (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF ³	NS	PE
Peripheral Nerve	34	162	6	5	88	113	11	10	9	—
Disc Surgery/Laminectomy	503	1,078	255	147	1,535	948	253	104	107	—
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	114	351	63	64	528	319	73	7	44	—
Total	650	1,591	324	216	2,151	1,381	336	121	160	—
Total/100,000 population	17	57	32	19	19	19	44	21	17	—

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 966 patients waiting for neurosurgery as of December 1998.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show 120 patients waiting for neurosurgery as of December 31, 1998.

³ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data show 17 patients waiting for neurosurgery as of April 1998.

Table 21: Orthopaedic Surgery (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF ³	NS	PE
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	166	125	88	26	181	202	18	12	9	2
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Etc.)	2,207	1,007	808	364	4,551	2,016	153	37	288	113
Arthroplasty (Interphalageal)	338	284	100	79	710	1,214	28	16	52	9
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	50	4	6	4	69	59	4	0	4	1
Digit Neuroma	192	106	52	37	220	355	11	12	21	2
Rotator Cuff Repair	77	47	23	11	94	230	7	4	14	—
Ostectomy (All Types)	598	385	214	155	1,519	1,218	93	42	77	9
Total	3,627	1,960	1,291	676	7,344	5,295	313	122	465	135
Total/100,000 population	93	70	126	59	65	71	41	22	49	98

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 10,199 patients waiting for orthopaedic surgery as of December 1998.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show 2,525 patients waiting for orthopaedic surgery as of December 31, 1998.

³ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data show 718 patients waiting for orthopaedic surgery as of April 1998.

Table 22: Cardiovascular Surgery (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB ²	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ³	NF ⁴	NS	PE
Coronary Artery Bypass	548	143	45	193	668	240	74	237	—	—
Valves & Septa of the Heart	143	33	19	22	128	27	—	—	—	—
Pacemaker Operations	107	45	3	—	72	29	4	—	—	—
Total	798	220	67	215	867	296	78	237	—	—
Total/100,000 population	20	8	7	19	8	4	10	42	—	—

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 339 patients waiting for cardiac surgery as of December 1998.

² Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness data show 288 patients waiting for cardiac surgery as of December 1998.

³ NB Department of Health and Community Services and survey data.

⁴ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data for 1999.

Table 23: Urology (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB ²	NF ³	NS	PE
Non-radical Prostatectomy	1,349	476	778	69	1,229	1,332	197	47	75	—
Transurethral Resection—Bladder	132	57	56	13	383	137	31	10	23	5
Cystoscopy	102	67	106	28	577	238	72	13	58	5
Hernia/Hydrocele	618	230	371	63	822	603	198	20	80	9
Bladder Fulgration	150	90	65	13	249	117	30	8	19	0
Total	2,351	920	1,377	185	3,260	2,428	528	99	254	18
Total/100,000 population	60	33	134	16	29	33	69	17	27	13

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 5,192 patients waiting for urology treatment as of December 1998.

² NB Department of Health and Community Services data show 924 patients waiting for urology treatment as of December 31, 1998.

³ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data show 439 patients waiting for urology treatment as of April 1998.

Table 24: Internal Medicine (1998) — Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Colonoscopy	124	62	37	27	186	174	27	19	30	2
Angiography/Angioplasty	768	573	191	91	1,533	1,098	207	96	224	—
Bronchoscopy	33	14	5	11	125	164	12	5	13	7
Gastroscopy	348	157	141	92	882	568	182	60	87	48
Total	1,274	806	375	221	2,726	2,003	429	179	354	57
Total/100,000 population	33	29	37	19	24	27	56	32	37	42

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

Table 25: Radiation Oncology (1998) – Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB ²	SK	MB	ON ³	QC	NB	NF ⁴	NS ⁵	PE
Radiotherapy	461	79	7	20	214	138	18	91	75	—
Total/100,000 population	12	3	1	2	2	2	2	16	8	—

¹ BC Ministry of Health data as of December 1998.

² Alberta's Cross Cancer Institute reports 230 patients waiting for treatment after having seen an oncologist as of the end of 1998.

³ Cancer Care Ontario, which treats approximately 80 percent of radiotherapy patients in Ontario, reports 1,110 patients waiting for treatment after having seen an oncologist as of June 25, 1999.

⁴ Newfoundland Department of Health and Community Services data as of April 1998.

⁵ NS Ministry of Health data as of the end of 1998.

Table 26: Medical Oncology (1998) – Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist

	BC ¹	AB ²	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS ³	PE
Chemotherapy	104	57	45	—	189	191	—	—	0	1
Total/100,000 population	3	2	4	—	2	3	—	—	0	0

¹ BC Ministry of Health data show 0 patients waiting for medical oncology as of December 1998.

² Alberta's Cross Cancer Institute reports 60 patients waiting for treatment after having seen an oncologist as of the end of 1998.

³ NS Ministry of Health data show 30 to 45 patients waiting for medical oncology as of the end of 1998.

Table 27: Estimated Number of Patients Waiting for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (1998) — Patients Waiting Per 100,000 Population

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Plastic Surgery	33	19	35	22	10	12	17	8	23	—
Gynaecology	61	63	132	60	36	52	95	46	84	35
Ophthalmology	28	12	49	31	33	94	48	11	56	15
Otolaryngology	70	84	169	25	36	40	64	210	97	—
General Surgery	130	92	273	125	63	146	97	69	79	50
Neurosurgery	17	57	32	19	19	19	44	21	17	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	93	70	126	59	65	71	41	22	49	98
Cardiovascular Surgery	20	8	7	19	8	4	10	42	—	—
Urology	60	33	134	16	29	33	69	17	27	13
Internal Medicine	33	29	37	19	24	27	56	32	37	42
Radiation Oncology	12	3	1	2	2	2	2	16	8	—
Medical Oncology	3	2	4	—	2	3	—	—	0	0

Table 28a: Median Wait to Receive Treatment by Specialty in 1998 (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	CAN
Plastic Surgery	17.9	13.8	17.1	18.2	7.1	5.7	8.5	10.7	21.3	—	10.0
Gynaecology	10.5	8.2	21.4	8.6	6.6	7.3	11.4	5.9	7.1	4.1	8.2
Ophthalmology	11.9	5.2	14.5	10.1	10.9	13.9	7.9	4.9	11.3	12.0	11.9
Otolaryngology	13.8	9.4	29.9	3.4	7.1	8.3	9.6	29.9	11.8	—	10.2
General Surgery	7.6	4.6	9.3	5.8	3.4	5.6	3.2	2.7	3.1	2.5	4.9
Neurosurgery	6.6	22.9	10.7	8.1	7.3	5.4	15.9	5.5	7.3	—	8.4
Orthopaedic Surgery	20.0	18.4	31.0	18.2	12.4	15.6	7.8	6.2	12.4	33.3	15.6
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	6.6	2.6	2.3	6.0	1.4	1.0	—	4.0	—	—	1.9
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	22.4	10.1	17.8	8.0	16.3	10.2	—	52.0	—	—	13.7
Urology	9.7	4.7	17.4	3.8	4.1	3.5	7.4	3.1	4.8	2.8	5.5
Internal Medicine	6.1	5.5	5.0	6.0	4.5	3.9	5.9	2.3	4.7	8.7	4.7
Radiation Oncology	9.5	4.3	1.6	7.6	4.1	5.4	2.2	2.2	2.0	—	4.7
Medical Oncology	1.4	1.9	3.8	—	1.5	1.1	—	5.7	0.0	1.0	1.3
Weighted Median	10.4	7.8	14.7	7.1	6.0	6.8	6.2	8.9	5.6	5.2	7.3

Table 28b: Estimated Number of Patients Waiting to Receive Treatment by Specialty in 1998

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Plastic Surgery	1,291	523	359	250	1,131	871	128	46	218	—
Gynaecology	2,385	1,779	1,348	683	4,061	3,828	728	263	795	48
Ophthalmology	1,101	326	501	356	3,790	6,943	366	64	534	21
Otolaryngology	2,723	2,368	1,734	282	4,103	2,937	491	1,192	922	—
General Surgery	5,078	2,579	2,801	1,437	7,082	10,845	736	393	748	69
Neurosurgery	650	1,591	324	216	2,151	1,381	336	121	160	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	3,627	1,960	1,291	676	7,344	5,295	313	122	465	135
Cardiovascular Surgery	798	220	67	215	867	296	78	237	—	—
Urology	2,351	920	1,377	185	3,260	2,428	528	99	254	18
Internal Medicine	1,274	806	375	221	2,726	2,003	429	179	354	57
Radiation Oncology	461	79	7	20	214	138	18	91	75	—
Medical Oncology	104	57	45	—	189	191	—	—	0	1
Residual	13,541	7,913	5,730	2,651	21,367	19,754	2,158	1,074	2,750	329
Total	35,385	21,121	15,958	7,192	58,283	56,910	6,308	3,880	7,274	679
Proportion of Population	0.9%	0.8%	1.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%
Canada:	total estimated number of patients waiting in 1998:			212,990						
	percentage of population			0.7%						

Note: Totals may not match sum of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.

Table 29a: Comparison of Median Weeks Waited to Receive Treatment by Selected Specialties, 1997 and 1998

	British Columbia			Alberta			Saskatchewan			Manitoba			Ontario		
	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg
Plastic Surgery	17.9	16.6	8%	13.8	11.1	24%	17.1	14.1	21%	18.2	10.8	69%	7.1	5.3	34%
Gynaecology	10.5	8.0	31%	8.2	7.4	10%	21.4	21.5	-1%	8.6	5.7	50%	6.6	6.0	11%
Ophthalmology	11.9	7.5	59%	5.2	5.5	-5%	14.5	22.1	-34%	10.1	16.2	-38%	10.9	8.5	28%
Otolaryngology	13.8	8.7	59%	9.4	11.6	-19%	29.9	22.3	34%	3.4	6.6	-48%	7.1	5.6	26%
General Surgery	7.6	5.7	34%	4.6	5.0	-7%	9.3	7.4	25%	5.8	3.7	55%	3.4	3.4	-1%
Neurosurgery	6.6	5.7	17%	22.9	13.4	70%	10.7	12.5	-15%	8.1	5.6	44%	7.3	6.7	9%
Orthopaedic Surgery	20.0	15.9	26%	18.4	8.4	119%	31.0	25.6	21%	18.2	19.5	-7%	12.4	9.6	29%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	6.6	7.4	-11%	2.6	1.0	161%	2.3	1.0	128%	6.0	—	—	1.4	1.5	-6%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	22.4	15.3	46%	10.1	16.0	-37%	17.8	10.0	78%	8.0	18.3	-56%	16.3	13.7	19%
Urology	9.7	9.6	1%	4.7	5.2	-9%	17.4	9.7	80%	3.8	2.8	34%	4.1	3.7	10%
Internal Medicine	6.1	5.4	12%	5.5	4.5	22%	5.0	6.3	-20%	6.0	5.1	17%	4.5	5.3	-15%
Radiation Oncology	9.5	7.4	28%	4.3	2.6	65%	1.6	2.1	-22%	7.6	4.4	73%	4.1	3.3	24%
Medical Oncology	1.4	1.3	12%	1.9	1.8	9%	3.8	3.5	7%	—	—	—	1.5	1.0	50%
Weighted Median	10.4	8.2	27%	7.8	7.0	11%	14.7	12.4	19%	7.1	7.1	0%	6.0	5.4	12%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians that have been rounded for inclusion in the table.

Table 29a (continued): Comparison of Median Weeks Waited to Receive Treatment by Selected Specialties, 1997 and 1998

	Quebec			New Brunswick			Newfoundland			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg
Plastic Surgery	5.7	7.3	-22%	8.5	6.6	29%	10.7	44.1	-76%	21.3	16.1	32%	—	14.6	—
Gynaecology	7.3	6.7	8%	11.4	10.2	11%	5.9	4.4	35%	7.1	7.1	1%	4.1	4.4	-8%
Ophthalmology	13.9	22.5	-38%	7.9	11.2	-29%	4.9	4.9	-1%	11.3	4.0	182%	12.0	11.4	5%
Otolaryngology	8.3	6.0	37%	9.6	8.9	8%	29.9	16.9	77%	11.8	7.8	52%	—	6.5	—
General Surgery	5.6	4.8	16%	3.2	2.8	14%	2.7	4.1	-34%	3.1	3.4	-9%	2.5	3.3	-24%
Neurosurgery	5.4	4.5	20%	15.9	5.0	234%	5.5	—	—	7.3	18.5	-61%	—	—	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	15.6	13.4	17%	7.8	9.8	-20%	6.2	4.6	35%	12.4	9.1	36%	33.3	43.8	-24%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	1.0	1.0	0%	—	5.0	—	4.0	2.8	43%	—	5.2	—	—	—	—
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	10.2	11.9	-14%	—	24.0	—	52.0	52.0	0%	—	12.5	—	—	—	—
Urology	3.5	3.9	-11%	7.4	8.8	-16%	3.1	3.0	2%	4.8	5.2	-7%	2.8	6.8	-59%
Internal Medicine	3.9	2.7	43%	5.9	4.2	40%	2.3	3.5	-34%	4.7	3.8	23%	8.7	2.4	258%
Radiation Oncology	5.4	5.2	4%	2.2	2.2	0%	2.2	1.9	16%	2.0	2.4	-17%	—	—	—
Medical Oncology	1.1	2.0	-45%	—	1.5	—	5.7	—	—	0.0	3.8	-100%	1.0	1.9	-47%
Weighted Median	6.8	7.1	-4%	6.2	6.9	-10%	8.9	7.9	13%	5.6	6.0	-7%	5.2	7.3	-29%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians that have been rounded for inclusion in the table.

Table 29b: Comparison of Estimated Number of Patients Waiting by Specialty, 1997 and 1998

	British Columbia			Alberta			Saskatchewan			Manitoba			Ontario		
	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg
Plastic Surgery	1,291	1,015	27%	523	448	17%	359	317	13%	250	225	11%	1,131	955	18%
Gynaecology	2,385	1,929	24%	1,779	1,313	35%	1,348	1,562	-14%	683	431	58%	4,061	4,015	1%
Ophthalmology	1,101	808	36%	326	351	-7%	501	655	-24%	356	485	-27%	3,790	2,771	37%
Otolaryngology	2,723	2,049	33%	2,368	1,626	46%	1,734	1,318	32%	282	335	-16%	4,103	3,227	27%
General Surgery	5,078	3,893	30%	2,579	2,655	-3%	2,801	2,915	-4%	1,437	757	90%	7,082	6,295	13%
Neurosurgery	650	835	-22%	1,591	947	68%	324	442	-27%	216	139	56%	2,151	2,485	-13%
Orthopaedic Surgery	3,627	2,819	29%	1,960	1,179	66%	1,291	1,066	21%	676	693	-2%	7,344	6,204	18%
Cardiovascular Surgery	798	1,016	-21%	220	413	-47%	67	46	46%	215	96	124%	867	609	42%
Urology	2,351	2,195	7%	920	748	23%	1,377	747	84%	185	194	-5%	3,260	3,189	2%
Internal Medicine	1,274	878	45%	806	848	-5%	375	385	-3%	221	342	-35%	2,726	2,720	0%
Radiation Oncology	461	375	23%	79	51	56%	7	9	-24%	20	12	73%	214	184	16%
Medical Oncology	104	74	42%	57	50	15%	45	42	9%	—	—	—	189	176	7%
Residual	13,541	10,796	25%	7,913	6,453	23%	5,730	5,198	10%	2,651	2,274	17%	21,367	18,612	15%
Total	35,385	28,681	23%	21,121	17,081	24%	15,958	14,700	9%	7,192	5,983	20%	58,283	51,442	13%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians that have been rounded for inclusion in the table.

Table 29b (continued): Comparison of Estimated Number of Patients Waiting by Specialty, 1997 and 1998

	Quebec			New Brunswick			Newfoundland			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island		
	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg	1998	1997	% chg
Plastic Surgery	871	975	-11%	128	88	45%	46	178	-74%	218	132	65%	—	33	—
Gynaecology	3,828	3,550	8%	728	589	24%	263	429	-39%	795	527	51%	48	52	-7%
Ophthalmology	6,943	8,088	-14%	366	374	-2%	64	111	-42%	534	445	20%	21	22	-4%
Otolaryngology	2,937	2,348	25%	491	1,314	-63%	1,192	673	77%	922	1,054	-12%	—	39	—
General Surgery	10,845	8,228	32%	736	424	73%	393	376	5%	748	669	12%	69	81	-15%
Neurosurgery	1,381	1,288	7%	336	106	217%	121	—	—	160	411	-61%	—	—	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	5,295	5,238	1%	313	280	12%	122	79	54%	465	436	7%	135	167	-19%
Cardiovascular Surgery	296	425	-30%	78	112	-31%	237	30	680%	—	169	—	—	—	—
Urology	2,428	2,221	9%	528	827	-36%	99	93	6%	254	308	-17%	18	51	-65%
Internal Medicine	2,003	1,594	26%	429	313	37%	179	149	20%	354	355	0%	57	16	257%
Radiation Oncology	138	138	0%	18	18	0%	91	5	1,692%	75	20	282%	—	—	—
Medical Oncology	191	172	11%	—	43	—	—	—	—	0	57	-100%	1	1	-35%
Residual	19,754	17,857	11%	2,158	2,102	3%	1,074	1,382	-22%	2,750	2,412	14%	329	240	37%
Total	56,910	52,121	9%	6,308	6,591	-4%	3,880	3,506	11%	7,274	6,993	4%	679	701	-3%
Canada: Total estimated number of patients waiting in 1998 = 212,990 and in 1997 = 187,799 Percentage difference between totals = 13%															

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians that have been rounded for inclusion in the table.

Table 30a: Frequency Distribution of Waiting Times (Specialist to Treatment) by Province in 1998 — Proportion of Median Waiting Times that Fall within the Following Ranges¹

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
0-3.9 weeks	18.7	34.5	27.6	28.8	33.3	34.4	24.4	37.6	27.6	51.1
4-7.9 weeks	25.3	21.8	19.5	27.5	39.8	28.0	37.8	37.6	39.5	12.8
8-11.9 weeks	13.2	21.8	5.7	21.3	17.2	21.5	25.6	14.1	14.5	8.5
12-23.9 weeks	37.4	18.4	33.3	21.0	8.6	15.1	11.0	1.2	11.8	23.4
24-51.9 weeks	5.5	3.4	12.6	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2	4.7	3.9	2.1
1 year plus	—	—	1.1	—	—	—	—	4.7	2.6	2.1

¹ Procedures for which no data were obtained are not included.

Note: Columns do not necessarily sum to 100 due to rounding.

Table 30b: Frequency Distribution of Waiting Times (Specialist to Treatment) by Region in 1998 — Proportion of Median Waiting Times that Fall within the Following Ranges¹

	BC	Prairies	ON	QC	Atlantic
0-3.9 weeks	18.7	30.3	33.3	34.4	33.4
4-7.9 weeks	25.3	22.8	39.8	28.0	34.1
8-11.9 weeks	13.2	16.1	17.2	21.5	16.6
12-23.9 weeks	37.4	24.4	8.6	15.1	10.3
24-51.9 weeks	5.5	5.9	1.1	1.1	3.1
1 year plus	—	0.4	—	—	2.4

¹ Procedures for which no data were obtained are not included.

Note: Columns do not necessarily sum 100 due to rounding.

Table 31: Total Expected Waiting Time from Referral by GP to Treatment, by Specialty, 1998 (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	CAN
Plastic Surgery	27.9	25.8	22.1	30.2	13.1	10.7	16.5	26.7	37.3	—	17.5
Gynaecology	13.0	14.7	28.4	14.6	12.6	13.3	16.4	9.4	13.1	9.4	14.5
Ophthalmology	17.9	11.2	24.5	21.1	22.9	23.9	13.9	14.9	23.3	64.0	22.0
Otolaryngology	16.8	23.4	33.9	6.4	13.1	11.3	15.4	34.9	21.8	—	15.7
General Surgery	11.1	7.6	14.3	9.3	6.4	8.6	7.2	6.7	6.6	4.0	8.4
Neurosurgery	12.6	34.9	26.7	14.1	17.3	13.4	29.4	11.5	10.3	—	18.6
Orthopaedic Surgery	30.0	30.4	37.0	24.2	21.9	23.6	11.3	18.2	20.4	41.3	25.4
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	24.4	14.1	21.8	9.5	19.8	13.2	—	60.0	—	—	20.2
Urology	13.7	9.2	21.4	10.8	8.9	7.5	11.4	11.1	8.8	10.8	10.4
Internal Medicine	10.1	9.5	9.0	10.0	7.5	7.9	11.9	6.3	9.7	18.0	8.7
Radiation Oncology	11.5	7.3	3.6	9.1	6.6	7.2	5.2	4.2	4.0	—	7.4
Medical Oncology	2.9	3.9	6.8	—	3.5	3.1	—	9.7	3.0	3.0	3.6
Weighted Median	15.2	14.0	20.2	12.4	11.9	11.9	14.1	14.5	11.9	16.0	13.3

Table 32: Plastic Surgery (1998) — Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Mammoplasty	10.0	11.0	24.0	12.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	35.0	—
Neurolysis	6.0	5.0	12.0	10.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	—
Blepharoplasty	9.0	8.0	16.0	12.0	6.0	4.0	7.0	4.0	12.0	—
Rhinoplasty	9.0	8.0	14.0	12.0	5.0	4.0	9.0	4.0	12.0	—
Scar Revision	12.0	12.0	8.0	12.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	12.0	—
Hand Surgery	6.0	5.0	12.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	—
Craniofacial Procedures	10.0	4.0	—	8.0	8.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	10.0	—
Skin Cancer and Other Tumors	2.0	1.8	4.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	—
Weighted Median ¹	9.0	8.4	13.0	10.9	5.6	4.6	6.4	4.1	13.2	—

¹ Weighted median does not include craniofacial procedures or skin cancers and other tumors.

Table 33: Gynaecology (1998) — Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Dilation & Curettage	2.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.3
Tubal Ligation	6.0	6.0	10.0	7.0	4.0	7.0	12.0	3.0	4.0	4.3
Hysterectomy (Vaginal/Abdominal)	6.0	4.0	12.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	9.0	3.0	4.0	3.0
Vaginal Repair	6.0	5.0	12.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	9.0	3.0	4.0	5.3
Tuboplasty	7.5	7.0	12.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	13.0	4.0	5.5	0.0
Laparoscopic Procedures	4.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	2.8
Hysteroscopic Procedures	4.0	4.0	8.0	5.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0
Weighted Median ¹	5.8	4.6	10.6	5.6	4.9	5.6	8.9	3.1	4.1	3.1

¹ Weighted median does not include hysteroscopic procedures.

Table 34: Ophthalmology (1998) — Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Cataract Removal	7.0	8.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	6.0	12.0	12.0
Cornea Transplant	8.0	8.0	18.0	—	6.5	9.5	12.0	—	16.0	20.0
Cornea - Pterygium	6.0	7.5	11.5	4.0	6.5	10.0	8.0	6.0	10.0	12.0
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	6.0	6.0	11.5	8.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	—
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	6.0	2.0	3.5	—	2.0	3.5	5.0	—	4.0	—
Lacrimal Duct	7.0	6.0	9.0	6.0	7.5	8.0	8.0	6.5	10.0	—
Strabismus	7.0	7.5	11.0	7.8	6.0	8.0	11.0	6.5	10.0	—
Operations on Eyelids	4.0	8.0	12.0	4.0	6.0	9.0	10.0	6.5	8.0	—
Glaucoma	3.8	4.0	8.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	10.0	3.3	8.0	—
Weighted Median ¹	6.2	5.6	8.2	7.3	5.2	7.6	8.0	6.2	9.3	12.0

¹ Weighted median does not include cornea transplant or operations for glaucoma.

Table 35: Otolaryngology (1998) – Median Reasonable Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE
Myringotomy	3.5	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	1.5	4.0	—
Tympanoplasty	8.0	6.0	12.0	5.0	4.5	5.0	6.0	4.0	5.0	—
Thyroid & Other Endocrine Glands	7.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	4.5	—
Tonsillectomy &/or Adenoidectomy	5.0	7.0	18.5	5.0	5.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	—
Rhinoplasty &/or Septal Surgery	8.0	6.5	12.0	5.5	5.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	—
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	4.0	4.5	12.0	5.5	4.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	5.0	—
Weighted Median	5.6	6.3	15.6	5.0	4.7	4.8	7.3	4.0	5.9	—

Table 36: General Surgery (1998) – 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	4.0	6.5	6.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Cholecystectomy	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	2.0	3.5	4.0
Colonoscopy	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	1.8
Intestinal Operations	2.0	2.0	2.8	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Haemorrhoidectomy	4.8	4.5	10.0	7.0	4.5	4.0	7.0	1.0	4.0	3.0
Breast Biopsy	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0
Mastectomy	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
Bronchus & Lung	1.0	0.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	—	2.0	2.0
Aneurysm Surgery	2.5	5.0	1.0	3.8	4.0	2.0	3.0	—	3.5	—
Varicose Veins	10.0	6.0	9.0	5.3	6.0	7.5	6.0	6.0	4.0	4.5
Weighted Median ¹	3.1	3.1	4.5	4.0	3.3	3.9	4.5	2.0	2.9	3.0

¹ Weighted median does not include aneurysm surgery.

Table 37: Neurosurgery (1998) — 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	11.0	4.0	4.0	5.5	4.0	—	—	6.0	—
Disc Surgery/Laminectomy	3.8	8.0	4.0	5.5	3.0	3.8	8.0	—	3.5	—
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	3.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	3.8	4.0	—	3.5	—
Aneurysm Surgery	3.5	5.0	4.0	—	4.5	3.5	4.0	—	7.0	—
Carotid Endarterectomy	—	0.5	1.5	—	2.0	3.8	4.0	—	1.0	—
Weighted Median ¹	3.6	8.2	4.0	5.6	3.4	3.8	6.8	—	3.6	—

¹ Weighted median does not include aneurysm surgery or carotid endarterectomy.

Table 38: Orthopaedic Surgery (1998) — 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	17.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.0
Removal of Pins	6.0	6.0	15.0	5.5	6.0	8.0	9.5	9.5	4.0	6.0
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Etc.)	8.5	9.0	52.0	12.0	8.0	9.0	5.0	3.3	6.0	20.0
Arthroplasty (Interphalageal)	6.0	6.5	20.0	12.0	6.0	9.0	6.5	6.0	6.0	8.0
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	6.0	6.5	24.0	11.0	7.0	8.0	12.0	7.5	6.0	8.0
Digit Neuroma	6.0	6.0	13.5	6.0	5.5	8.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	8.0
Rotator Cuff Repair	6.0	6.0	8.0	5.5	6.0	4.0	5.0	4.5	5.5	8.0
Ostectomy (All Types)	6.0	7.0	15.0	12.0	6.5	6.0	7.5	9.0	6.0	8.0
Routine Spinal Instability	7.5	8.0	20.0	10.0	7.5	6.0	10.0	12.0	8.0	—
Weighted Median ¹	7.0	7.5	31.0	10.8	6.9	7.5	5.8	3.4	5.9	14.4

¹ Weighted median does not include removal of pins or routine spinal instability.

Table 39: Cardiovascular Surgery (1998) – 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	0.1	—	—	0.0	0.0	—	0.1	—	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	0.0	0.6	—	—	0.0	0.0	—	0.1	—	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	0.0	—	—	—	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	—	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	0.0	—	—	—	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	—	—
	Pacemaker Operations	0.0	1.0	0.0	—	0.1	0.0	0.0	—	—	—
Urgent	Coronary Artery Bypass	1.5	0.5	2.0	—	1.5	0.4	—	1.0	—	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	1.0	1.3	2.0	—	1.5	0.4	—	1.0	—	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	1.0	—	1.0	—	1.0	0.1	0.5	1.0	—	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	0.5	—	—	—	1.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	—	—
	Pacemaker Operations	0.5	2.0	0.1	—	0.4	0.1	0.2	—	—	—
Elective	Coronary Artery Bypass	9.0	7.0	6.0	—	7.0	4.0	—	8.0	—	—
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	12.0	6.5	6.0	—	7.0	4.0	—	8.0	—	—
	Aneurysm Surgery	6.0	—	4.0	—	4.0	3.5	—	3.5	—	—
	Carotid Endarterectomy	5.0	—	—	—	4.0	4.0	11.5	3.5	—	—
	Pacemaker Operations	4.0	6.0	1.0	—	3.3	3.0	2.0	—	—	—

Table 40: Urology (1998) – 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	4.0	7.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	3.5	3.0	—
Radical Prostatectomy	3.0	4.0	2.3	2.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	2.5	—
Transurethral Resection—Bladder	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.5	2.0	3.0	2.5	1.5	—
Radical Cystectomy	2.0	4.0	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.0	—
Cystoscopy	2.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	7.0	3.0	—
Hernia/Hydrocele	6.0	5.5	5.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	8.0	4.0	—
Bladder Fulgration	2.3	1.8	1.8	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	—
Ureteral Reimplantation for Reflux	4.0	5.0	9.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	5.0	—
Weighted Median ¹	3.8	3.3	4.3	3.9	3.4	3.2	5.0	4.6	2.9	—

¹ Weighted median does not include radical prostatectomy, radical cystectomy or ureteral reimplantation for reflux.

Table 41: Internal Medicine (1998) — 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	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
Angiography/Angioplasty	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	3.0	2.5	3.0	4.0
Bronchoscopy	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	3.5
Gastroscopy	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	4.0
Weighted Median	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.6	3.3	2.6	3.9

Table 42: Radiation Oncology (1998) — 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	—	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.5	2.5	—
Cancer of the Cervix	2.0	2.0	—	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.5	2.5	—
Lung Cancer	2.0	3.0	—	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.5	2.5	—
Prostate Cancer	4.0	4.0	—	8.0	2.0	4.0	2.8	3.5	5.0	—
Breast Cancer	4.0	4.0	—	3.0	2.3	4.0	2.3	3.5	5.0	—
Early Side Effects from Treatment	—	1.0	—	—	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	—	—
Late Side Effects from Treatment	—	1.0	—	—	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.5	—	—
Average Median ¹	2.8	3.0	—	3.4	2.1	2.9	2.0	2.9	3.5	—

¹ Average median does not include early or late side effects from treatment.

Table 43: Medical Oncology (1998) – 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	1.0	2.0	—	1.3	1.5	—	4.0	—	3.0
Cancer of the Cervix	1.8	1.5	2.0	—	1.5	1.5	—	—	—	3.0
Lung Cancer	2.0	1.0	2.0	—	1.3	2.0	—	4.0	1.0	3.0
Breast Cancer	1.8	1.5	3.0	—	1.5	2.0	—	3.0	1.0	3.0
Side Effects from Treatment	0.0	0.0	0.5	—	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	0.0	0.1
Average Median ¹	1.8	1.3	2.3	—	1.4	1.8	—	3.7	1.0	3.0

¹ Average median does not include side effects from treatment.

Table 44: Reasonable Number of Weeks to Wait to Receive Treatment by Specialty in 1998

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NF	NS	PE	CAN
Plastic Surgery	9.0	8.4	13.0	10.9	5.6	4.6	6.4	4.1	13.2	—	6.7
Gynaecology	5.8	4.6	10.6	5.6	4.9	5.6	8.9	3.1	4.1	3.1	5.4
Ophthalmology	6.2	5.6	8.2	7.3	5.2	7.6	8.0	6.2	9.3	12.0	6.8
Otolaryngology	5.6	6.3	15.6	5.0	4.7	4.8	7.3	4.0	5.9	—	5.6
General Surgery	3.1	3.1	4.5	4.0	3.3	3.9	4.5	2.0	2.9	3.0	3.5
Neurosurgery	3.6	8.2	4.0	5.6	3.4	3.8	6.8	—	3.6	—	4.1
Orthopaedic Surgery	7.0	7.5	31.0	10.8	6.9	7.5	5.8	3.4	5.9	14.4	8.2
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	1.4	0.6	2.0	—	1.5	0.4	—	1.0	—	—	0.9
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	9.6	6.9	6.0	—	7.0	4.0	—	8.0	—	—	5.6
Urology	3.8	3.3	4.3	3.9	3.4	3.2	5.0	4.6	2.9	—	3.5
Internal Medicine	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.6	3.3	2.6	3.9	2.1
Radiation Oncology	2.8	3.0	—	3.4	2.1	2.9	2.0	2.9	3.5	—	2.5
Medical Oncology	1.8	1.3	2.3	—	1.4	1.8	—	3.7	1.0	3.0	1.4
Weighted Median	4.4	4.3	7.9	5.0	4.0	4.2	5.1	3.3	3.6	3.8	4.3

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 1998

	British Columbia			Alberta			Saskatchewan			Manitoba			Ontario		
	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D
Plastic Surgery	17.9	9.0	98%	13.8	8.4	64%	17.1	13.0	31%	18.2	10.9	67%	7.1	5.6	26%
Gynaecology	10.5	5.8	82%	8.2	4.6	77%	21.4	10.6	102%	8.6	5.6	54%	6.6	4.9	33%
Ophthalmology	11.9	6.2	91%	5.2	5.6	-6%	14.5	8.2	76%	10.1	7.3	39%	10.9	5.2	111%
Otolaryngology	13.8	5.6	145%	9.4	6.3	48%	29.9	15.6	92%	3.4	5.0	-33%	7.1	4.7	51%
General Surgery	7.6	3.1	145%	4.6	3.1	49%	9.3	4.5	108%	5.8	4.0	47%	3.4	3.3	3%
Neurosurgery	6.6	3.6	85%	22.9	8.2	179%	10.7	4.0	168%	8.1	5.6	45%	7.3	3.4	112%
Orthopaedic Surgery	20.0	7.0	184%	18.4	7.5	147%	31.0	31.0	0%	18.2	10.8	69%	12.4	6.9	80%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	6.6	1.4	369%	2.6	0.6	325%	2.3	2.0	15%	6.0	—	—	1.4	1.5	-7%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	22.4	9.6	135%	10.1	6.9	46%	17.8	6.0	197%	8.0	—	—	16.3	7.0	133%
Urology	9.7	3.8	158%	4.7	3.3	42%	17.4	4.3	305%	3.8	3.9	-1%	4.1	3.4	22%
Internal Medicine	6.1	2.0	205%	5.5	2.0	175%	5.0	1.5	233%	6.0	2.1	186%	4.5	2.2	108%
Radiation Oncology	9.5	2.8	239%	4.3	3.0	43%	1.6	—	—	7.6	3.4	124%	4.1	2.1	100%
Medical Oncology	1.4	1.8	-20%	1.9	1.3	52%	3.8	2.3	67%	—	—	—	1.5	1.4	9%
Weighted Median	10.4	4.4	137%	7.8	4.3	81%	14.7	7.9	87%	7.1	5.0	42%	6.0	4.0	52%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians that have been rounded for inclusion in the table.

A = Median Actual Wait; R = Median Clinically Reasonable Wait; D = Percentage Difference.

Table 45 (continued): 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 1998

	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	5.7	4.6	24%	8.5	6.4	33%	10.7	4.1	160%	21.3	13.2	61%	—	—	—
Gynaecology	7.3	5.6	31%	11.4	8.9	28%	5.9	3.1	93%	7.1	4.1	75%	4.1	3.1	31%
Ophthalmology	13.9	7.6	83%	7.9	8.0	-1%	4.9	6.2	-21%	11.3	9.3	21%	12.0	12.0	0%
Otolaryngology	8.3	4.8	73%	9.6	7.3	31%	29.9	4.0	656%	11.8	5.9	100%	—	—	—
General Surgery	5.6	3.9	42%	3.2	4.5	-28%	2.7	2.0	37%	3.1	2.9	8%	2.5	3.0	-16%
Neurosurgery	5.4	3.8	43%	15.9	6.8	134%	5.5	—	—	7.3	3.6	103%	—	—	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	15.6	7.5	108%	7.8	5.8	34%	6.2	3.4	81%	12.4	5.9	108%	33.3	14.4	132%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	1.0	0.4	178%	—	—	—	4.0	1.0	300%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	10.2	4.0	155%	—	—	—	52.0	8.0	550%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Urology	3.5	3.2	9%	7.4	5.0	48%	3.1	4.6	-33%	4.8	2.9	64%	2.8	—	—
Internal Medicine	3.9	2.0	95%	5.9	2.6	131%	2.3	3.3	-30%	4.7	2.6	81%	8.7	3.9	121%
Radiation Oncology	5.4	2.9	86%	2.2	2.0	10%	2.2	2.9	-24%	2.0	3.5	-43%	—	—	—
Medical Oncology	1.1	1.8	-37%	—	—	—	5.7	3.7	55%	0.0	1.0	-100%	1.0	3.0	-67%
Weighted Median	6.8	4.2	62%	6.2	5.1	21%	8.9	3.3	171%	5.6	3.6	54%	5.2	3.8	37%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians that have been rounded for inclusion in the table.

A = Median Actual Wait; R = Median Clinically Reasonable Wait; D = Percentage Difference.

Appendix: The Fraser Institute National Hospital Waiting List Survey

General Surgery

Please circle the province in which your office is located:

AB BC MB NB NF NT NS ON PE QC SK YT

- 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		

5. 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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