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	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF	Can
Plastic Surgery	43	43	31	20	33	23	38	45	100	67	33
Gynaecology	34	30	38	35	28	19	24	36	40	35	27
Ophthalmology	33	39	57	37	33	30	44	30	50	20	33
Otolaryngology	36	47	42	53	32	25	42	29	—	14	32
General Surgery	43	37	46	27	36	22	43	36	67	30	32
Neurosurgery	33	50	40	25	37	19	40	57	—	50	33
Orthopaedic Surgery	44	45	54	29	30	20	38	40	33	33	31
Cardiovascular Surgery	34	33	63	31	40	23	67	58	0	50	36
Urology	31	31	27	25	35	19	28	35	0	83	30
Internal Medicine	23	26	28	20	25	17	29	30	50	27	23
Radiation Oncology	7	22	25	25	31	23	38	22	—	40	25
Medical Oncology	38	21	—	25	33	17	50	57	100	—	27
Total	33	34	40	28	31	21	37	35	48	34	30

**Table 1b: Summary of Responses, 2001-02—Number of Responses**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF	Can
Plastic Surgery	25	15	4	2	54	26	5	5	1	2	139
Gynaecology	57	33	15	19	167	70	6	16	2	7	392
Ophthalmology	51	31	13	10	123	82	8	12	1	2	333
Otolaryngology	27	14	5	9	65	44	5	6	—	1	176
General Surgery	68	40	19	16	187	100	13	17	4	6	470
Neurosurgery	10	7	2	1	25	10	2	4	—	1	62
Orthopaedic Surgery	66	40	13	9	119	59	9	12	1	5	333
Cardiovascular Surgery	16	9	5	4	52	21	8	7	0	2	124
Urology	20	11	4	4	74	27	5	7	0	5	157
Internal Medicine	63	50	16	21	125	70	10	26	4	8	393
Radiation Oncology	3	6	1	1	39	12	3	2	—	2	69
Medical Oncology	14	5	—	1	29	18	1	4	1	—	73
Total	420	261	97	97	1,059	539	75	118	14	41	2,721

**Table 1c: Summary of Responses, 2001-02—Number of Questionnaires Mailed Out**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF	Can
Plastic Surgery	58	35	13	10	162	111	13	11	1	3	417
Gynaecology	170	109	39	55	593	371	25	44	5	20	1431
Ophthalmology	156	79	23	27	370	271	18	40	2	10	996
Otolaryngology	76	30	12	17	201	179	12	21	—	7	555
General Surgery	159	109	41	59	519	459	30	47	6	20	1,449
Neurosurgery	30	14	5	4	68	54	5	7	—	2	189
Orthopaedic Surgery	150	89	24	31	401	293	24	30	3	15	1,060
Cardiovascular Surgery	47	27	8	13	130	91	12	12	1	4	345
Urology	64	35	15	16	209	142	18	20	2	6	527
Internal Medicine	270	189	57	105	496	419	34	86	8	30	1,694
Radiation Oncology	45	27	4	4	126	53	8	9	—	5	281
Medical Oncology	37	24	—	4	88	104	2	7	1	—	267
Total	1,262	767	241	345	3,363	2,547	201	334	29	122	9,211

**Table 2: Median Total Expected Waiting Time from Referral by GP to Treatment, by Specialty, 2001-02 (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF	CAN
Plastic Surgery	36.6	26.6	58.6	68.9	17.2	16.3	63.4	58.9	32.6	35.4	27.5
Gynaecology	16.9	19.1	45.3	16.0	12.7	12.7	14.8	12.7	12.6	18.1	15.6
Ophthalmology	22.8	14.2	48.2	31.5	27.0	27.0	28.9	23.7	52.0	35.5	26.6
Otolaryngology	18.9	20.3	40.8	15.0	13.2	9.3	17.1	14.1	—	10.2	14.6
General Surgery	12.3	10.3	21.3	9.2	8.2	8.3	9.0	10.9	7.4	9.3	9.5
Neurosurgery	18.7	25.9	18.9	—	18.8	17.2	32.8	12.1	—	16.7	19.1
Orthopaedic Surgery	38.3	38.5	79.0	27.0	25.2	28.1	25.4	37.6	12.2	37.0	32.0
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	14.9	29.7	17.1	17.8	8.6	13.3	19.1	16.8	—	58.1	14.2
Urology	9.7	12.4	7.5	14.3	10.1	12.9	20.7	15.1	—	10.6	11.5
Internal Medicine	12.3	11.0	8.5	8.2	9.3	9.9	14.9	10.6	11.0	10.1	10.1
Radiation Oncology	5.7	7.2	17.2	9.4	9.6 <sup>1</sup>	7.5	9.4	5.5	—	11.7	8.5
Medical Oncology	3.6	11.5	—	13.0	5.0 <sup>1</sup>	4.1	5.5	5.3	4.0	—	5.5
Weighted Median	18.3	17.5	32.6	17.8	14.0	16.0	19.7	18.0	15.1	17.4	16.5

Note: Total times are calculated from exact weighted medians. Calculations have been rounded to one decimal place for inclusion in the table.

<sup>1</sup>Cancer Care Ontario reports a median total expected waiting time from GP referral to treatment of 7.0 weeks for radiation oncology and 4.6 weeks for medical oncology in May 2002.

**Table 3: Median Patient Wait to See a Specialist after Referral from a GP, by Specialty, 2001-02 (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF	CAN
Plastic Surgery	10.0	12.0	15.0	18.0	8.0	5.5	52.0	24.0	12.0	9.5	10.9
Gynaecology	7.0	12.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	7.5	10.0	7.4
Ophthalmology	6.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	12.0	11.0	16.0	13.0	32.0	29.0	10.8
Otolaryngology	6.0	12.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	7.5	—	6.0	5.9
General Surgery	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.5	4.0	3.0	4.5	6.0	2.0	4.0	4.0
Neurosurgery	11.5	18.0	13.0	—	12.0	10.0	16.0	5.0	—	12.0	11.9
Orthopaedic Surgery	15.0	20.0	8.0	9.0	12.0	12.0	13.5	8.0	4.5	12.0	12.7
Cardiovascular Surgery	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.5	4.0	6.0	2.5	—	8.0	4.0
Urology	4.0	9.0	1.5	11.5	6.5	7.5	12.0	11.0	—	6.0	6.9
Internal Medicine	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.4
Radiation Oncology	3.5	3.5 <sup>1</sup>	8.0	1.5	3.0 <sup>2</sup>	1.0	1.5	1.0	—	5.0 <sup>3</sup>	2.6
Medical Oncology	2.0	6.0 <sup>1</sup>	—	6.0	3.0 <sup>2</sup>	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.0	— <sup>3</sup>	3.3
Weighted Median	6.7	9.3	5.7	7.0	7.0	7.1	10.2	8.6	7.2	8.5	7.3

<sup>1</sup>Alberta Cancer Board indicates average waiting times in December 2001 ranging from 2.5 to 11 weeks for an appointment with a radiation oncology specialist, and waiting times ranging from 1.5 to 5.5 weeks in December 2001 for an appointment with a medical oncology specialist.

<sup>2</sup>Cancer Care Ontario reports a median wait of 2.6 weeks for consultation with a radiation oncologist, and 2.7 weeks for consultation with a medical oncologist in May 2002.

<sup>3</sup>Newfoundland Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation reports an 8 to 10 week wait for a routine office consultation with a radiation oncologist, and an 8 week wait for a consultation with a medical oncologist.

**Table 4: Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist, by Specialty, 2001-02 (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF	CAN
Plastic Surgery	26.6	14.6	43.6	50.9	9.2	10.8	11.4	34.9	20.6	25.9	16.6
Gynaecology	9.9	7.1	38.3	8.0	5.7	6.7	9.8	6.7	5.1	8.1	8.2
Ophthalmology	16.8	6.2	40.2	21.5	15.0	16.0	12.9	10.7	20.0	6.5	15.8
Otolaryngology	12.9	8.3	35.8	10.0	7.2	5.3	13.1	6.6	—	4.2	8.7
General Surgery	7.3	5.3	16.3	5.7	4.2	5.3	4.5	4.9	5.4	5.3	5.4
Neurosurgery	7.2	7.9	5.9	5.8	6.8	7.2	16.8	7.1	—	4.7	7.2
Orthopaedic Surgery	23.3	18.5	71.0	18.0	13.2	16.1	11.9	29.6	7.7	25.0	19.3
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	3.2	7.0	1.9	1.1	1.2	0.8	3.8	0.8	—	3.8	1.9
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	9.9	25.7	13.1	14.6	5.1	9.3	13.1	14.3	—	50.1	10.3
Urology	5.7	3.4	6.0	2.8	3.6	5.4	8.7	4.1	—	4.6	4.5
Internal Medicine	8.3	7.0	4.0	5.2	5.3	4.9	8.9	4.6	5.0	5.1	5.6
Radiation Oncology	2.2	3.7	9.2	7.9	6.6 <sup>1</sup>	6.5	7.9	4.5	—	6.7	5.9
Medical Oncology	1.6	5.5	—	7.0	2.0 <sup>1</sup>	1.1	2.5	2.1	2.0	—	2.2
Weighted Median	11.6	8.2	26.9	10.8	7.0	8.9	9.5	9.4	7.9	8.9	9.2

<sup>1</sup>Cancer Care Ontario reports a median waiting time between specialist and treatment of 3.9 weeks for radiation oncology and 1.7 weeks for medical oncology in May 2002.

**Table 5a: Plastic Surgery (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Mammoplasty	52.0	20.0	66.5	90.0	12.0	13.5	14.0	80.0	52.0	115.0
Neurolysis	10.0	12.0	14.0	20.5	8.0	10.0	6.0	22.5	12.0	7.0
Blepharoplasty	12.0	12.0	12.0	7.0	8.0	6.0	14.0	24.0	12.0	14.0
Rhinoplasty	22.0	12.0	58.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	12.5	37.0	12.0	39.0
Scar Revision	17.0	15.0	49.5	84.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	32.0	12.0	23.5
Hand Surgery	17.0	12.0	38.0	14.5	7.0	10.0	9.5	20.0	12.0	4.5
Craniofacial Procedures	22.0	20.0	26.0	24.0	8.0	10.0	—	25.5	—	6.0
Skin Cancer and other Tumors	4.0	4.0	5.0	13.8	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.0	13.0	4.0
Weighted Median	26.6 <sup>1</sup>	14.6	43.6 <sup>2</sup>	50.9	9.2	10.8	11.4 <sup>3</sup>	34.9	20.6	25.9

Note: Weighted median does not include craniofacial procedures or skin cancer and other tumors.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reported a 5.1 week median wait time for plastic surgery as at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reported a 9.4 week median wait time for plastic surgery in 2001. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 4 of 8 regional health authorities reporting have waiting times ranging from 15.4 to 40 weeks for plastic surgery at December 31, 2001.

**Table 5b: Gynaecology (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Dilation & Curettage	6.0	5.0	13.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	5.5	4.0	3.5	6.0
Tubal Ligation	10.0	8.0	52.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	12.0	6.0	5.5	12.0
Hysterectomy (Vaginal/Abdominal)	16.0	10.0	52.0	10.0	6.5	8.0	9.5	10.0	6.0	8.0
Vaginal Repair	16.0	10.0	67.5	10.0	7.0	11.0	12.0	10.0	5.0	9.0
Tuboplasty	14.0	9.0	67.5	3.0	7.0	12.0	12.0	10.0	—	12.0
Laparoscopic Procedures	8.0	7.0	38.5	8.0	6.0	7.0	9.5	4.5	6.0	10.0
Hysteroscopic Procedures	8.0	7.0	31.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	12.0	5.0	4.5	7.0
Weighted Median	9.9 <sup>1</sup>	7.1	38.3 <sup>2</sup>	8.0	5.7	6.7	9.8 <sup>3</sup>	6.7	5.1	8.1

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reported a 3.1 week median wait time for gynaecological surgery as at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reported a 5.7 week median wait for gynaecology in 2001. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 7 of 8 regional health authorities reporting have waiting times ranging from 1 to 20 weeks for gynaecology at December 31, 2001.

**Table 5c: Ophthalmology (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Cataract Removal	20.0 <sup>1</sup>	8.0 <sup>2</sup>	52.0	24.5	20.0	16.0	14.0	14.0	20.0	5.8
Cornea Transplant	26.0 <sup>1</sup>	20.0	75.0	40.0	28.0	58.8	37.5	45.0	—	—
Cornea—Pterygium	18.0 <sup>1</sup>	5.5	20.0	7.0	14.0	12.0	8.5	10.0	20.0	3.8
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	20.0	5.0	18.0	24.0	8.0	13.0	3.5	6.5	—	3.5
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	9.5	3.5	5.0	—	4.0	20.0	5.0	2.5	—	—
Lacrimal Duct	16.0	5.0	25.0	8.0	11.0	16.0	8.0	26.0	—	20.8
Strabismus	18.0	8.0	19.0	18.0	20.0	16.8	8.0	10.0	24.0	20.8
Operations on Eyelids	5.0	5.5	22.5	6.0	8.0	12.0	8.5	6.5	20.0	7.0
Glaucoma	12.0	4.0	5.5	4.5	10.0	8.0	8.5	7.0	20.0	3.8
Weighted Median	16.8 <sup>1</sup>	6.2	40.2 <sup>3</sup>	21.5	15.0	16.0	12.9 <sup>4</sup>	10.7	20.0	6.5

Note: Weighted median does not include treatment for glaucoma.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reported a 9.0 week median wait time for ophthalmology, a 10.1 week median wait for cataract surgery, and a 20.4 week median wait for cornea transplant at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”

<sup>2</sup>Alberta Health and Wellness reports median waiting times for cataract surgery ranging from 4 to 10 weeks.

<sup>3</sup>Saskatchewan Health reported a 23.6 week median wait time for ophthalmology in 2001. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>4</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 6 of 8 regional health authorities reporting have waiting times ranging from 4 to 25 weeks for ophthalmology at December 31, 2001.

**Table 5d: Otolaryngology (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Myringotomy	6.5	4.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	—	3.0
Tympanoplasty	12.0	12.0	75.0	9.5	8.0	8.0	18.0	6.5	—	4.0
Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Other Endocrine Glands	16.0	9.0	13.9	12.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	—	—
Tonsillectomy and/or Adenoidectomy	16.0	14.0	80.0	13.0	8.0	8.0	14.0	10.0	—	6.0
Rhinoplasty and/or Septal Surgery	17.0	12.0	80.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	16.0	10.0	—	4.0
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	14.0	8.0	80.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	14.0	10.0	—	4.0
Weighted Median	12.9 <sup>1</sup>	8.3	35.8 <sup>2</sup>	10.0	7.2	5.3	13.1 <sup>3</sup>	6.6	—	4.2

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reported a 5.7-week median wait time for Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgery at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reported a 4.9 week median wait time for otolaryngology in 2001. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 7 of 8 regional health authorities reporting have waiting times ranging from 6.2 to 23.9 weeks for Otolaryngology at December 31, 2001.

**Table 5e: General Surgery (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Hernia/Hydrocele	11.0	7.0	26.0	8.0	4.8	8.0	6.0	6.0	7.5	6.0
Cholecystectomy	9.5	6.0	44.0	7.5	4.0	5.5	5.5	4.0	8.0	6.0
Colonoscopy	8.0	7.5	6.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	10.0	6.0	6.0
Intestinal Operations	4.3	3.0	4.8	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.0	4.0
Haemorrhoidectomy	12.0	8.5	37.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	5.5	9.0	12.0
Breast Biopsy	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.0
Mastectomy	2.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0
Bronchus and Lung	2.0	2.3	—	10.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	—
Aneurysm Surgery	8.0	2.5	—	10.0	4.0	8.0	4.5	—	—	8.0
Varicose Veins	18.0	10.0	45.0	8.0	4.0	10.0	6.0	4.5	7.0	8.0
Weighted Median	7.3 <sup>1</sup>	5.3	16.3 <sup>2</sup>	5.7	4.2	5.3	4.5 <sup>3</sup>	4.9	5.4	5.3

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reported a 3.0 week median wait for general surgery at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reported a 3.1 week median wait for general surgery in 2001. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 7 of 8 regional health authorities reporting have waiting times ranging from 1 to 31.6 weeks for general surgery at December 31, 2001.

**Table 5f: Neurosurgery (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Peripheral Nerve	6.0	12.0	3.3	4.0	7.5	6.0	23.0	5.0	—	14.0
Disc Surgery/Laminectomy	11.0	10.0	10.0	7.0	8.0	12.0	21.0	7.5	—	2.5
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	5.0	6.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	12.0	8.0	—	1.5
Aneurysm Surgery	5.0	20.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	13.0	7.5	—	2.5
Carotid Endarterectomy	11.0	3.5	5.0	3.0	4.0	2.8	8.0	6.0	—	—
Weighted Median	7.2 <sup>1</sup>	7.9	5.9 <sup>2</sup>	5.8	6.8	7.2	16.8 <sup>3</sup>	7.1	—	4.7

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reported a 4.0 week median wait for neurosurgery at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reported a 4.0 week median wait for neurosurgery in 2001. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 2 of 8 regional health authorities reporting have waiting times ranging from 4 to 13 weeks for Neurosurgery at December 31, 2001.

**Table 5g: Orthopaedic Surgery (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	14.0	12.0	38.5	16.0	10.0	12.0	8.0	25.0	5.0	18.8
Removal of Pins	12.0	12.0	75.0	14.0	10.0	15.0	12.0	20.0	5.0	19.5
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Ankle, Shoulder)	45.0 <sup>1</sup>	28.0 <sup>2</sup>	116.0	20.0	20.0	24.0	14.0	40.0	16.0	34.0
Arthroplasty (Interphalangeal, Metatarsophalangeal)	14.0	20.0 <sup>2</sup>	136.0	24.0	10.0	16.0	12.0	32.0	16.0	8.0
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	14.0	22.0	84.0	12.0	12.0	16.0	13.0	26.0	8.0	8.0
Digit Neuroma	11.0	18.0	52.0	18.0	8.0	13.0	12.0	20.0	6.0	32.0
Rotator Cuff Repair	20.0	18.0	22.0	16.0	12.0	13.0	16.0	27.0	8.0	12.0
Ostectomy (All Types)	18.5	19.0	66.0	20.0	14.0	15.0	13.0	26.0	8.0	36.0
Routine Spinal Instability	32.0	26.0	116.0	12.0	12.0	24.0	45.0	46.0	—	23.0
Weighted Median	23.3 <sup>1</sup>	18.5	71.0 <sup>3</sup>	18.0	13.2	16.1	11.9 <sup>4</sup>	29.6	7.7	25.0

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reported a 6.0 week median wait for orthopaedic surgery, a 19.0 week median wait for hip replacement surgery, and a 27.7 week median wait for knee replacement surgery at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”

<sup>2</sup>Alberta Health and Wellness reports that 4 of 7 regional health authorities report median waiting times ranging from 10 to 28 weeks for arthroplasty procedures performed between October and December 2001.

<sup>3</sup>Saskatchewan Health reported a 16.1 week median wait for orthopaedic surgery in 2001. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>4</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 7 of 8 regional health authorities reporting have waiting times ranging from 5.1 to 47.2 weeks for orthopaedic surgery at December 31, 2001.

**Table 5h: Cardiovascular Surgery (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

		BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
EMERGENT	Coronary Artery Bypass	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	—	1.0
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	—	1.0
	Aneurysm Surgery	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	0.3
	Carotid Endarterectomy	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	—	0.3
	Pacemaker Operations	0.2	0.7	0.0	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—
	Weighted Median	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	—	1.0
URGENT	Coronary Artery Bypass	5.0	12.0 <sup>2</sup>	2.3	1.0	1.5	1.0	6.3	0.5	—	4.0
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	6.0	6.5 <sup>2</sup>	2.3	1.0	1.5	1.0	6.3	0.5	—	2.0
	Aneurysm Surgery	2.5	1.5	2.0	1.3	1.5	0.5	1.0	1.5	—	0.8
	Carotid Endarterectomy	3.5	1.8	3.5	3.3	1.0	0.8	1.0	6.5	—	2.5
	Pacemaker Operations	1.0	0.8	1.5	—	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	—	—
	Weighted Median	3.2	7.0	1.9 <sup>4</sup>	1.1	1.2	0.8	3.8	0.8	—	3.8
ELECTIVE	Coronary Artery Bypass	14.0	40.0 <sup>3</sup>	20.5	15.0	6.0 <sup>5</sup>	12.0	21.0	24.0	—	52.0
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	14.0	26.0 <sup>3</sup>	20.5	15.0	6.0	12.0	21.0	24.0	—	54.0
	Aneurysm Surgery	6.0	6.5	16.0	6.0	6.0	8.5	6.0	8.0	—	7.0
	Carotid Endarterectomy	6.0	7.5	16.0	8.5	5.0	5.0	5.5	12.0	—	7.0
	Pacemaker Operations	6.0	7.3	5.0	—	3.5	3.5	4.3	2.5	—	—
	Weighted Median	9.9 <sup>1</sup>	25.7	13.1 <sup>4</sup>	14.6	5.1	9.3	13.1	14.3	—	50.1

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports median waits of 14.0 weeks for cardiac surgery and 3.0 weeks for vascular surgery at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”

<sup>2</sup>Alberta Health and Wellness reports median waits for urgent outpatient open-heart surgery in the 15 to 17 week range, and urgent inpatient open-heart surgery in the 1 to 1.5 week range for the quarter ending December 31, 2001.

<sup>3</sup>Alberta Health and Wellness reports median waits for elective open-heart surgery in the 13 to 21 week range for the quarter ending December 31, 2001.

<sup>4</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports a 0.7 week median wait for urgent cardiovascular surgery and a 1.9 week wait for elective cardiovascular surgery in 2001. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>5</sup>Cardiac Care Network of Ontario reports median waits for bypass surgery of 33 days (4.7 weeks) as of May 9, 2002.

**Table 5i: Urology (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Non-radical Prostatectomy	11.0	5.0	18.0	5.0	6.0	11.0	10.0	4.0	—	14.0
Radical Prostatectomy	6.0	6.0	7.0	4.5	6.0	6.0	4.0	3.5	—	4.0
Transurethral Resection—Bladder	3.8	3.5	5.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	3.5	—	4.0
Radical Cystectomy	4.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	—	4.0
Cystoscopy	4.0	3.0	1.8	1.5	3.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	—	4.0
Hernia/Hydrocele	14.0	6.0	46.0	8.0	7.0	12.0	32.0	6.0	—	6.0
Bladder Fulguration	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	—	4.0
Ureteral Reimplantation for Reflux	8.0	5.3	30.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	22.0	6.0	—	12.0
Weighted Median	5.7 <sup>1</sup>	3.4	6.0 <sup>2</sup>	2.8	3.6	5.4	8.7 <sup>3</sup>	4.1	—	4.6

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports a 3.7 week median wait for urological surgery at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports a 3.4 week median wait for urology in 2001. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 7 of 8 regional health authorities reporting have waiting times ranging from 1 to 17 weeks for urology at December 31, 2001.



**Table 5j: Internal Medicine (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Colonoscopy	6.0	7.5	4.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	7.5	4.0	5.0	5.5
Angiography /Angioplasty	12.0	7.0	4.0	12.0	5.0	7.0	12.0	7.0	10.0	6.0
Bronchoscopy	3.5	4.0	2.0	3.5	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.3	3.0
Gastroscopy	4.0	6.0	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.0	3.0	4.0
Weighted Median	8.3	7.0	4.0	5.2	5.3	4.9	8.9	4.6	5.0	5.1

**Table 5k: Radiation Oncology (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Cancer of the Larynx	2.5	2.5	2.0	5.0	4.0 <sup>3</sup>	2.5	3.5	2.8	—	4.8 <sup>4</sup>
Cancer of the Cervix	2.5	2.8	4.0	5.0	3.8 <sup>3</sup>	3.0	3.5	3.3	—	4.5 <sup>4</sup>
Lung Cancer	2.0	2.3	8.0	6.0	4.0 <sup>3</sup>	3.0	4.0	4.0	—	5.0 <sup>4</sup>
Prostate Cancer	2.0	5.0 <sup>2</sup>	12.0	12.0	8.5 <sup>3</sup>	12.0	9.0	5.3	—	5.0 <sup>4</sup>
Breast Cancer	2.5	4.0 <sup>2</sup>	8.0	6.0	8.0 <sup>3</sup>	7.5	12.0	4.3	—	10.0 <sup>4</sup>
Early Side Effects from Treatment	2.0	0.5	0.0	—	1.0	0.5	1.3	0.3	—	1.0 <sup>4</sup>
Late Side Effects from Treatment	2.0	1.5	0.0	—	1.3	1.0	26.3	1.3	—	1.5
Weighted Median	2.2 <sup>1</sup>	3.7	9.2	7.9	6.6 <sup>3</sup>	6.5	7.9	4.5	—	6.7

Note: Weighted median does not include early or late side effects from treatment.  
<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports a 1.3 week median wait for radiation oncology at June 30, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—British Columbia.”  
<sup>2</sup>Alberta Health and Wellness reports waiting times for breast cancer treatment ranging from less than 1 to 4 weeks, and waiting times for prostate cancer treatment ranging from less than 1 to 5 weeks.  
<sup>3</sup>Cancer Care Ontario reports median waiting times of: 5.2 weeks for cancer of the larynx, 3.0 weeks for cancer of the cervix, 1.9 weeks for lung cancer, 7.1 weeks for prostate cancer, and 4.4 weeks for breast cancer in May 2002. Cancer Care Ontario reports an overall median wait of 3.9 weeks in May 2002.  
<sup>4</sup>Newfoundland Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation reports the following waiting times: 6 weeks for cancer of the larynx, 4 to 6 weeks for cancer of the cervix, 8 weeks for lung cancer, 8 weeks for prostate cancer, 6 to 8 weeks for breast cancer, and zero waiting time for early side effects

**Table 5l: Medical Oncology (2001-02)—Median Patient Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Cancer of the Larynx	2.0	3.5	—	—	2.0	1.3	2.5	1.5	2.0	— <sup>3</sup>
Cancer of the Cervix	1.5	3.5	—	—	2.3	1.0	2.5	1.5	2.0	—
Lung Cancer	1.5	5.3	—	—	2.0 <sup>2</sup>	1.3	2.5	2.0	2.0	—
Breast Cancer	1.8	6.0 <sup>1</sup>	—	7.0	2.0 <sup>2</sup>	1.0	2.5	2.3	2.0	—
Side Effects from Treatment	0.5	0.3	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.1	— <sup>3</sup>
Weighted Median	1.6	5.5	—	7.0	2.0 <sup>2</sup>	1.1	2.5	2.1	2.0	—

Note: Weighted median does not include side effects from treatment.  
<sup>1</sup>Alberta Health and Wellness reports a 1 week average wait for breast cancer treatment.  
<sup>2</sup>Cancer Care Ontario reports median waiting times of: 1.0 weeks for lung cancer, 2.1 weeks for breast cancer, and an overall median wait of 1.7 weeks in May 2002.  
<sup>3</sup>Newfoundland Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation reports a 6 to 8 week wait for treatment of cancer of the larynx, and a 24 to 48 hour (0.15 to 0.3 weeks) wait for side effects.

**Table 6: Comparison of Median Weeks Waited to Receive Treatment after Appointment with Specialist, by Selected Specialties, 2000-01 and 2001-02**

	British Columbia			Alberta			Saskatchewan			Manitoba			Ontario		
	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg
Plastic Surgery	26.6	20.2	32%	14.6	17.6	-17%	43.6	27.8	57%	50.9	17.4	193%	9.2	8.9	4%
Gynaecology	9.9	8.4	18%	7.1	8.3	-14%	38.3	20.4	88%	8.0	6.9	15%	5.7	5.6	2%
Ophthalmology	16.8	19.5	-14%	6.2	8.5	-27%	40.2	35.6	13%	21.5	20.0	7%	15.0	16.9	-11%
Otolaryngology	12.9	11.6	10%	8.3	10.9	-23%	35.8	28.2	27%	10.0	7.7	30%	7.2	7.1	1%
General Surgery	7.3	8.6	-15%	5.3	5.8	-9%	16.3	16.1	1%	5.7	4.9	18%	4.2	4.2	1%
Neurosurgery	7.2	6.6	9%	7.9	7.2	10%	5.9	11.9	-51%	5.8	14.0	-59%	6.8	9.7	-29%
Orthopaedic Surgery	23.3	19.3	21%	18.5	17.5	6%	71.0	55.4	28%	18.0	13.6	33%	13.2	10.2	30%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	3.2	9.2	-65%	7.0	8.4	-16%	1.9	1.9	3%	1.1	2.7	-58%	1.2	1.1	17%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	9.9	12.8	-22%	25.7	11.4	125%	13.1	6.8	91%	14.6	16.8	-13%	5.1	5.9	-13%
Urology	5.7	8.8	-36%	3.4	3.5	-1%	6.0	6.6	-9%	2.8	4.0	-30%	3.6	3.3	10%
Internal Medicine	8.3	7.5	11%	7.0	9.8	-28%	4.0	6.9	-43%	5.2	5.2	0%	5.3	4.4	21%
Radiation Oncology	2.2	2.5	-11%	3.7	6.4	-43%	9.2	6.5	42%	7.9	—	—	6.6	5.2	28% <sup>1</sup>
Medical Oncology	1.6	2.0	-18%	5.5	4.0	38%	—	5.0	—	7.0	—	—	2.0	2.2	-10% <sup>1</sup>
Weighted Median	11.6	12.3	-6%	8.2	9.0	-10%	26.9	22.6	19%	10.8	9.5	14%	7.0	7.0	0%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians. The exact weighted medians have been rounded to one decimal place for inclusion in the table.

<sup>1</sup>Cancer Care Ontario reports an increase in waiting times for radiation oncology from 2000-01 to 2001-02 from 3.1 to 3.9 weeks (26%), and a decrease in waiting times for medical oncology from 2.0 to 1.7 weeks (-15%).

**Table 6: Comparison of Median Weeks Waited to Receive Treatment after Appointment with Specialist, by Selected Specialties, 2000-01 and 2001-02**

	Quebec			New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island			Newfoundland		
	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg
Plastic Surgery	10.8	10.6	1%	11.4	22.7	-50%	34.9	24.6	42%	20.6	39.5	-48%	25.9	63.6	-59%
Gynaecology	6.7	6.7	-1%	9.8	9.2	7%	6.7	6.2	8%	5.1	6.6	-22%	8.1	5.6	43%
Ophthalmology	16.0	15.3	4%	12.9	10.6	22%	10.7	10.8	-2%	20.0	20.1	0%	6.5	6.9	-6%
Otolaryngology	5.3	6.0	-12%	13.1	9.4	40%	6.6	6.1	9%	—	5.4	—	4.2	10.5	-60%
General Surgery	5.3	5.7	-6%	4.5	4.2	8%	4.9	3.4	47%	5.4	5.5	-1%	5.3	3.0	75%
Neurosurgery	7.2	8.0	-10%	16.8	14.8	13%	7.1	5.0	43%	—	—	—	4.7	—	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	16.1	14.5	11%	11.9	18.8	-37%	29.6	15.5	91%	7.7	8.9	-14%	25.0	13.4	87%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	0.8	1.2	-32%	3.8	0.7	410%	0.8	1.6	-46%	—	—	—	3.8	1.0	277%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	9.3	12.8	-27%	13.1	9.6	37%	14.3	4.9	189%	—	—	—	50.1	38.7	30%
Urology	5.4	4.4	21%	8.7	6.7	31%	4.1	6.9	-40%	—	5.8	—	4.6	5.1	-9%
Internal Medicine	4.9	4.3	13%	8.9	6.2	44%	4.6	4.1	12%	5.0	7.3	-31%	5.1	4.3	19%
Radiation Oncology	6.5	8.9	-27%	7.9	8.5	-7%	4.5	2.7	63%	—	—	—	6.7	8.8	-23%
Medical Oncology	1.1	1.0	12%	2.5	1.5	67%	2.1	4.0	-48%	2.0	2.0	0%	—	9.6	—
Weighted Median	8.9	9.1	-2%	9.5	9.6	-2%	9.4	7.8	20%	7.9	8.7	-10%	8.9	8.0	11%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians. The exact weighted medians have been rounded to one decimal place for inclusion in the table.

**Table 7: Frequency Distribution of Waiting Times (Specialist to Treatment) by Province, 2001-02—Proportion of Median Waiting Times that Fall within Particular Ranges**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
0 — 3.99 Weeks	20.4%	21.9%	19.7%	23.5%	27.4%	26.9%	28.5%	28.4%	32.0%	29.1%
4 — 7.99 Weeks	22.4%	28.7%	17.6%	26.8%	34.2%	24.9%	22.3%	28.0%	29.3%	31.6%
8 — 12.99 Weeks	22.4%	23.9%	7.4%	26.5%	21.8%	24.5%	22.1%	17.5%	26.7%	21.7%
13 — 25.99 Weeks	20.4%	15.9%	13.8%	14.3%	10.1%	14.6%	17.0%	12.5%	10.7%	7.0%
26 — 51.99 Weeks	9.6%	6.3%	8.1%	6.4%	4.5%	5.4%	5.7%	8.3%	0.0%	7.0%
1 year plus	4.8%	3.3%	33.2%	2.6%	2.0%	3.8%	4.4%	5.3%	1.3%	3.7%

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

**Table 8: Median Reasonable Wait to Receive Treatment after Appointment with Specialist, by Specialty, 2001-02 (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF	CAN
Plastic Surgery	9.4	9.2	14.6	13.3	6.5	6.3	9.5	15.1	—	3.4	8.0
Gynaecology	5.1	4.5	12.3	6.5	4.2	5.2	7.7	5.2	4.8	2.9	5.1
Ophthalmology	6.5	6.4	10.3	6.5	6.7	7.7	7.9	7.9	12.0	6.3	7.3
Otolaryngology	6.1	5.1	8.9	7.3	4.4	4.3	5.5	6.6	—	8.7	5.1
General Surgery	3.9	4.0	6.6	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.2	8.9	4.0
Neurosurgery	4.4	4.3	5.0	—	3.2	3.6	11.8	3.7	—	6.8	3.9
Orthopaedic Surgery	7.6	7.1	8.8	10.6	6.4	7.2	9.1	6.5	—	8.1	7.2
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	1.3	2.6	1.4	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.7	1.4	—	2.6	1.2
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	5.0	6.6	5.8	6.5	4.1	4.2	7.9	4.2	—	12.0	4.8
Urology	2.4	3.3	3.7	2.8	2.6	3.9	3.6	3.1	—	3.8	3.1
Internal Medicine	2.0	2.8	1.7	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.0	2.4
Radiation Oncology	5.6	2.8	3.3	5.2	2.6	4.3	8.2	3.4	—	2.9	3.9
Medical Oncology	2.0	3.5	—	3.0	2.0	1.8	2.5	3.0	2.1	—	2.1
Weighted Median	4.7	4.7	7.0	6.0	4.1	5.0	5.8	4.9	4.3	5.7	4.7

**Table 9a: Plastic Surgery (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Mammoplasty	12.0	12.0	19.0	24.0	8.0	8.0	11.0	20.0	—	12.0
Neurolysis	6.0	5.0	12.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	6.5	7.5	—	1.0
Blepharoplasty	8.0	8.0	12.0	14.0	6.0	4.0	11.0	12.0	—	—
Rhinoplasty	9.0	10.0	19.0	14.0	6.0	8.0	9.5	8.0	—	—
Scar Revision	11.0	12.0	12.0	14.0	8.0	9.0	11.0	20.0	—	—
Hand Surgery	6.0	8.0	12.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	8.5	10.0	—	—
Craniofacial Procedures	8.0	10.0	14.0	—	6.0	6.0	—	3.5	—	—
Skin Cancer and other Tumors	4.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	—	1.0
Weighted Median	9.4	9.2	14.6	13.3	6.5	6.3	9.5	15.1	—	3.4

Note: Weighted median does not include craniofacial procedures or skin cancer and other tumors.

**Table 9b: Gynaecology (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Dilation & Curettage	3.0	3.0	7.5	3.8	3.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	3.5	2.0
Tubal Ligation	6.0	6.0	13.0	8.0	5.0	7.0	9.8	6.0	4.5	3.0
Hysterectomy (Vaginal/Abdominal)	8.0	6.0	15.5	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.8	5.5	6.0	4.0
Vaginal Repair	8.0	6.0	21.0	6.0	5.0	7.0	7.8	6.0	5.0	5.0
Tuboplasty	6.0	7.0	24.0	8.0	5.0	7.0	16.0	8.0	—	8.0
Laparoscopic Procedures	4.0	4.5	12.5	6.0	4.0	5.5	7.5	6.0	5.0	4.0
Hysteroscopic Procedures	4.0	4.5	10.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	4.5	2.0
Weighted Median	5.1	4.5	12.3	6.5	4.2	5.2	7.7	5.2	4.8	2.9

**Table 9c: Ophthalmology (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Cataract Removal	7.0	7.0	12.0	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	12.0	6.5
Cornea Transplant	12.0	9.0	17.0	12.5	8.0	10.0	12.0	9.0	—	10.0
Cornea—Pterygium	6.0	7.0	12.0	4.3	8.0	8.0	11.0	8.0	12.0	6.0
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	6.0	5.5	6.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	5.5	—	8.0
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	5.0	5.5	4.0	—	2.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	—	3.5
Lacrimal Duct	8.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	12.0	—	7.0
Strabismus	6.0	7.0	12.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	12.0	7.0	12.0	9.0
Operations on Eyelids	6.0	7.0	9.0	4.0	8.0	6.0	7.0	5.5	12.0	6.0
Glaucoma	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	3.3	6.5	5.0	12.0	3.8
Weighted Median	6.5	6.4	10.3	6.5	6.7	7.7	7.9	7.9	12.0	6.3

Note: Weighted median does not include treatment for glaucoma.

**Table 9d: Otolaryngology (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Myringotomy	4.0	4.0	6.0	5.5	3.5	4.0	5.0	4.0	—	4.0
Tympanoplasty	8.0	8.0	12.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	—	4.0
Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Other Endocrine Glands	6.0	4.0	3.0	5.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	12.0	—	—
Tonsillectomy and/or Adenoidectomy	8.0	6.5	12.0	10.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	—	12.0
Rhinoplasty and/or Septal Surgery	8.0	6.0	24.0	10.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	12.0	—	26.0
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	5.0	5.5	12.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	10.0	—	8.0
Weighted Median	6.1	5.1	8.9	7.3	4.4	4.3	5.5	6.6	—	8.7

**Table 9e: General Surgery (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Hernia/Hydrocele	5.0	5.8	12.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.8	7.0
Cholecystectomy	4.5	4.0	10.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0
Colonoscopy	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	12.0
Intestinal Operations	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.5
Haemorrhoidectomy	6.5	6.0	12.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	52.0
Breast Biopsy	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.3
Mastectomy	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.0
Bronchus and Lung	2.0	4.5	—	—	2.5	3.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	—
Aneurysm Surgery	5.5	7.5	—	—	4.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	—	—
Varicose Veins	12.0	8.0	19.5	9.0	7.0	9.0	9.5	7.5	8.0	5.0
Weighted Median	3.9	4.0	6.6	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.2	8.9

**Table 9f: Neurosurgery (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Peripheral Nerve	6.0	4.0	3.3	—	4.0	2.0	20.0	4.0	—	16.0
Disc Surgery/ Laminectomy	5.0	5.5	7.0	—	4.0	4.0	10.0	3.0	—	5.0
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	4.0	4.0	4.0	—	2.5	4.0	10.0	4.0	—	3.5
Aneurysm Surgery	3.0	7.0	8.0	—	4.0	4.0	16.0	4.0	—	5.0
Carotid endarterectomy	2.0	2.5	8.0	—	1.5	2.8	6.0	2.0	—	—
Weighted Median	4.4	4.3	5.0	—	3.2	3.6	11.8	3.7	—	6.8

**Table 9g: Orthopaedic Surgery (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	—	5.5
Removal of Pins	6.0	6.5	6.0	9.0	6.0	8.0	12.0	6.0	—	8.5
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Ankle, Shoulder)	11.5	9.5	12.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	12.0	8.0	—	9.5
Arthroplasty (Interphalangeal, Metatarsophalangeal)	6.0	8.0	12.0	14.0	8.0	8.0	12.0	8.0	—	5.0
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	7.0	6.0	12.0	10.0	6.0	10.0	12.0	6.0	—	6.0
Digit Neuroma	6.0	6.5	6.0	12.0	6.0	6.5	10.0	7.0	—	9.0
Rotator Cuff Repair	6.0	6.0	4.0	9.0	6.0	6.0	12.0	6.0	—	6.0
Ostectomy (All Types)	8.0	6.5	12.0	16.0	7.0	9.0	12.0	7.0	—	12.0
Routine Spinal Instability	11.0	6.0	12.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	20.0	12.0	—	9.5
Weighted Median	7.6	7.1	8.8	10.6	6.4	7.2	9.1	6.5	—	8.1

**Table 9h: Cardiovascular Surgery (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

		BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
EMERGENT	Coronary Artery Bypass	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	—	0.5
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	—	0.5
	Aneurysm Surgery	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	0.5
	Carotid Endarterectomy	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	0.5
	Pacemaker Operations	0.1	0.7	0.0	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—
	Weighted Median	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	—	0.5
URGENT	Coronary Artery Bypass	2.0	4.0	1.3	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.8	—	2.5
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	2.0	2.5	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.8	—	2.5
	Aneurysm Surgery	2.0	1.3	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0	—	0.5
	Carotid Endarterectomy	2.0	1.3	2.0	2.3	0.8	1.0	1.5	2.0	—	4.0
	Pacemaker Operations	0.5	0.8	1.5	—	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	—	—
	Weighted Median	1.3	2.6	1.4	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.7	1.4	—	2.6
ELECTIVE	Coronary Artery Bypass	6.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	4.5	5.0	11.0	7.0	—	12.0
	Valves & Septa of the Heart	6.0	8.5	5.5	8.0	4.5	4.0	11.0	7.0	—	12.0
	Aneurysm Surgery	4.0	3.3	5.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	2.5	—	12.0
	Carotid Endarterectomy	4.0	3.0	4.0	9.5	3.5	2.0	4.0	2.0	—	12.0
	Pacemaker Operations	4.0	3.0	5.0	—	3.5	3.0	4.5	1.0	—	—
	Weighted Median	5.0	6.6	5.8	6.5	4.1	4.2	7.9	4.2	—	12.0

**Table 9i: Urology (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Non-radical Prostatectomy	4.0	4.0	8.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.0	—	5.0
Radical Prostatectomy	2.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.0	—	2.0
Transurethral Resection— Bladder	2.0	2.8	3.0	1.8	2.8	2.0	3.0	2.5	—	2.5
Radical Cystectomy	2.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.0	—	2.5
Cystoscopy	2.0	3.0	1.5	2.0	2.3	4.0	3.0	3.0	—	4.0
Hernia/Hydrocele	4.5	6.0	25.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	5.5	—	4.0
Bladder Fulguration	2.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.3	—	2.5
Ureteral Reimplantation for Reflux	4.0	4.0	13.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	6.0	—	4.0
Weighted Median	2.4	3.3	3.7	2.8	2.6	3.9	3.6	3.1	—	3.8

**Table 9j: Internal Medicine (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Colonoscopy	2.0	3.3	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.0	2.3	2.0
Angiography/ Angioplasty	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.5	2.0
Bronchoscopy	1.5	2.0	2.0	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0
Gastroscopy	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.8
Weighted Median	2.0	2.8	1.7	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.0

**Table 9k: Radiation Oncology (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Cancer of the Larynx	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.5	2.0	—	2.5 <sup>1</sup>
Cancer of the Cervix	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.5	2.3	—	2.5
Lung Cancer	—	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.8	—	2.0
Prostate Cancer	—	3.5	4.0	8.0	3.0	9.0	10.0	4.0	—	3.0
Breast Cancer	6.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	12.0	3.8	—	3.5 <sup>1</sup>
Early Side Effects from Treatment	0.8	0.5	0.0	—	1.0	0.5	2.0	0.3	—	0.8 <sup>1</sup>
Late Side Effects from Treatment	1.8	1.5	0.0	—	1.0	0.5	52.0	1.3	—	1.5
Weighted Median	5.6	2.8	3.3	5.2	2.6	4.3	8.2	3.4	—	2.9

Note: Weighted median does not include early or late side effects from treatment.

<sup>1</sup>Newfoundland Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation reports a reasonable waiting time of 4 weeks for cancer of the larynx, 9 weeks for breast cancer, and 24 to 48 hours (0.15 to 0.3 weeks) for early side effects.

**Table 9l: Medical Oncology (2001-02)—Median Reasonable Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist (in Weeks)**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Cancer of the Larynx	2.0	4.0	—	—	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	—
Cancer of the Cervix	1.5	6.0	—	—	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	—
Lung Cancer	2.0	3.8	—	—	2.0	1.8	2.5	—	2.0	—
Breast Cancer	2.0	3.0	—	3.0	2.0	1.8	2.5	3.0	2.0	—
Side Effects from Treatment	0.5	0.3	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	—
Weighted Median	2.0	3.5	—	3.0	2.0	1.8	2.5	3.0	2.1	—

Note: Weighted median does not include side effects from treatment.

**Table 10: Comparison between the Median Actual Weeks Waited and the Median Reasonable Number of Weeks to Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist, by Selected Specialties, 2001-02**

	British Columbia			Alberta			Saskatchewan			Manitoba			Ontario		
	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D
Plastic Surgery	26.6	9.4	183%	14.6	9.2	60%	43.6	14.6	198%	50.9	13.3	283%	9.2	6.5	42%
Gynaecology	9.9	5.1	93%	7.1	4.5	57%	38.3	12.3	211%	8.0	6.5	22%	5.7	4.2	35%
Ophthalmology	16.8	6.5	159%	6.2	6.4	-4%	40.2	10.3	291%	21.5	6.5	233%	15.0	6.7	124%
Otolaryngology	12.9	6.1	111%	8.3	5.1	63%	35.8	8.9	301%	10.0	7.3	38%	7.2	4.4	63%
General Surgery	7.3	3.9	86%	5.3	4.0	32%	16.3	6.6	148%	5.7	4.6	24%	4.2	3.7	14%
Neurosurgery	7.2	4.4	63%	7.9	4.3	83%	5.9	5.0	17%	5.8	—	—	6.8	3.2	112%
Orthopaedic Surgery	23.3	7.6	206%	18.5	7.1	161%	71.0	8.8	707%	18.0	10.6	70%	13.2	6.4	107%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	3.2	1.3	145%	7.0	2.6	172%	1.9	1.4	39%	1.1	0.7	53%	1.2	0.8	52%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	9.9	5.0	99%	25.7	6.6	289%	13.1	5.8	124%	14.6	6.5	125%	5.1	4.1	24%
Urology	5.7	2.4	132%	3.4	3.3	3%	6.0	3.7	63%	2.8	2.8	-1%	3.6	2.6	40%
Internal Medicine	8.3	2.0	321%	7.0	2.8	152%	4.0	1.7	138%	5.2	2.4	122%	5.3	2.3	129%
Radiation Oncology	2.2	5.6	-61%	3.7	2.8	32%	9.2	3.3	178%	7.9	5.2	50%	6.6	2.6	153%
Medical Oncology	1.6	2.0	-18%	5.5	3.5	59%	—	—	—	7.0	3.0	133%	2.0	2.0	0%
Weighted Median	11.6	4.7	147%	8.2	4.7	74%	26.9	7.0	284%	10.8	6.0	81%	7.0	4.1	71%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians. The exact weighted medians have been rounded to one decimal place for inclusion in the table.

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

**Table 10: Comparison between the Median Actual Weeks Waited and the Median Reasonable Number of Weeks to Wait for Treatment after Appointment with Specialist, by Selected Specialties, 2001-02**

	Quebec			New Brunswick			Nova Scotia			Prince Edward Island			Newfoundland		
	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D	A	R	D
Plastic Surgery	10.8	6.3	71%	11.4	9.5	20%	34.9	15.1	132%	20.6	—	—	25.9	3.4	670%
Gynaecology	6.7	5.2	28%	9.8	7.7	27%	6.7	5.2	27%	5.1	4.8	8%	8.1	2.9	174%
Ophthalmology	16.0	7.7	108%	12.9	7.9	62%	10.7	7.9	34%	20.0	12.0	67%	6.5	6.3	4%
Otolaryngology	5.3	4.3	22%	13.1	5.5	140%	6.6	6.6	1%	—	—	—	4.2	8.7	-52%
General Surgery	5.3	3.9	36%	4.5	3.6	23%	4.9	3.4	46%	5.4	3.2	72%	5.3	8.9	-41%
Neurosurgery	7.2	3.6	103%	16.8	11.8	42%	7.1	3.7	93%	—	—	—	4.7	6.8	-32%
Orthopaedic Surgery	16.1	7.2	123%	11.9	9.1	31%	29.6	6.5	357%	7.7	—	—	25.0	8.1	208%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Urgent)	0.8	1.0	-15%	3.8	1.7	123%	0.8	1.4	-41%	—	—	—	3.8	2.6	47%
Cardiovascular Surgery (Elective)	9.3	4.2	120%	13.1	7.9	66%	14.3	4.2	236%	—	—	—	50.1	12.0	318%
Urology	5.4	3.9	39%	8.7	3.6	143%	4.1	3.1	32%	—	—	—	4.6	3.8	20%
Internal Medicine	4.9	2.7	79%	8.9	2.8	220%	4.6	2.8	61%	5.0	2.3	118%	5.1	2.0	159%
Radiation Oncology	6.5	4.3	52%	7.9	8.2	-4%	4.5	3.4	30%	—	—	—	6.7	2.9	134%
Medical Oncology	1.1	1.8	-35%	2.5	2.5	0%	2.1	3.0	-31%	2.0	2.1	-6%	—	—	—
Weighted Median	8.9	5.0	78%	9.5	5.8	64%	9.4	4.9	90%	7.9	4.3	82%	8.9	5.7	55%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from exact weighted medians. The exact weighted medians have been rounded to one decimal place for inclusion in the table.

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



	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF	CAN
Plastic Surgery	0.8%	0.8%	1.3%	0.1%	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%
Gynaecology	2.0%	1.0%	0.6%	2.2%	1.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Ophthalmology	1.2%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	1.4%	0.6%	0.8%	1.2%	0.0%	—	1.0%
Otolaryngology	1.7%	0.7%	0.0%	1.1%	1.2%	0.3%	0.3%	1.4%	—	0.0%	0.9%
General Surgery	1.3%	0.7%	1.2%	0.9%	1.1%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Neurosurgery	2.8%	1.3%	5.0%	4.5%	4.9%	1.5%	3.5%	0.3%	—	0.0%	3.2%
Orthopaedic Surgery	2.2%	2.3%	0.7%	0.8%	1.2%	0.2%	0.5%	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	1.2%
Cardiovascular Surgery	1.9%	1.6%	0.4%	1.2%	1.4%	1.1%	0.4%	1.3%	—	0.0%	1.3%
Urology	1.8%	1.6%	2.4%	0.4%	2.1%	0.4%	1.4%	0.5%	—	0.0%	1.5%
Internal Medicine	1.7%	1.8%	0.4%	1.3%	2.3%	1.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%	0.1%	1.6%
Radiation Oncology	3.3%	2.9%	0.0%	10.0%	3.3%	6.4%	1.8%	0.0%	—	5.0% <sup>1</sup>	3.7%
Medical Oncology	1.6%	2.8%	—	0.0%	2.2%	2.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	— <sup>1</sup>	1.9%
All Specialties	1.7%	1.3%	0.8%	1.4%	1.6%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.3%	0.5%	1.3%

<sup>1</sup>Newfoundland Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation reports less than 0.5 percent of patients in either medical or radiation oncology receiving treatment outside of Canada.

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Plastic Surgery	5,253	2,488	2,227	3,909	8,186	6,557	569	2,168	178	456
Gynaecology	7,688	5,601	8,519	4,773	13,112	9,139	1,725	1,595	114	973
Ophthalmology	16,567	5,391	11,620	2,674	57,379	84,332	2,195	3,860	276	377
Otolaryngology	7,144	3,541	4,838	2,653	16,985	6,577	1,806	1,801	—	314
General Surgery	12,446	6,932	8,044	2,596	24,946	23,039	1,395	2,229	283	1,029
Neurosurgery	1,057	904	185	161	2,884	1,863	316	167	—	78
Orthopaedic Surgery	17,886	12,601	21,295	3,905	42,027	20,936	4,432	5,479	216	1,544
Cardiovascular Surgery	641	1,055	123	49	1,003	774	171	94	—	103
Urology	6,283	2,800	1,974	428	19,503	17,822	3,290	1,562	—	590
Internal Medicine	5,803	4,192	1,523	1,244	14,614	11,734	1,085	986	123	981
Radiation Oncology	41	69	60	47	366	264	74	28	—	9
Medical Oncology	94	398	—	260	1,317	414	79	37	4	—
Residual	62,109	38,256	41,368	19,927	151,225	104,812	12,696	17,181	989	5,156
Total	143,013	84,230	101,776	42,625	353,547	288,262	29,834	37,187	2,182	11,609
Proportion of Population <sup>1</sup>	3.49%	2.75%	10.02%	3.71%	2.98%	3.89%	3.94%	3.94%	1.58%	2.17%
Canada:	Total number of procedures for which patients are waiting in 2001-02								1,094,264	
	Percentage of population								3.52%	

Note: Totals may not match sums of numbers for individual procedures due to rounding.  
All data regarding oncology refer only to procedures done in hospitals. Most cancer patients are treated in cancer agencies. Therefore, the oncology data must be regarded as incomplete.  
<sup>1</sup>The proportion of population figure relies on the assumption that one procedure is equivalent to one patient waiting.

**Table 13a: Plastic Surgery (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Mammoplasty	2,326	895	631	1,189	2,294	1,525	206	482	97	179
Neurolysis	373	584	130	260	1,751	1,687	62	172	42	40
Blepharoplasty	81	96	52	15	395	224	16	43	2	15
Rhinoplasty	929	178	554	63	805	716	111	315	13	92
Scar Revision	972	449	576	2,182	2,096	1,567	121	973	17	123
Hand Surgery	572	286	283	201	846	838	51	183	7	8
Total	5,253 <sup>1</sup>	2,488	2,227 <sup>2</sup>	3,909	8,186	6,557	569 <sup>3</sup>	2,168	178	456

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports 4,613 patients waiting for plastic surgery at June 30, 2002.

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports 1,620 patients waiting for Plastic Surgery at March 31, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 5 of 8 regional health authorities report 1,583 patients waiting for plastic surgery at December 31, 2001.

**Table 13b: Gynaecology (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Dilation & Curettage	1,067	1,469	1,315	360	2,436	1,749	231	237	18	281
Tubal Ligation	1,458	859	1,462	3,028	2,499	735	467	322	24	170
Hysterectomy (Vaginal/Abdominal)	2,458	1,219	1,988	550	2,951	2,347	493	482	36	207
Vaginal Repair	756	435	838	181	1,052	1,100	120	227	6	51
Tuboplasty	62	24	37	9	39	54	4	4	—	7
Laparoscopic Procedures	1,077	981	1,577	418	2,367	1,877	241	177	21	114
Hysteroscopic Procedures	810	614	1,302	227	1,768	1,278	169	146	9	143
Total	7,688 <sup>1</sup>	5,601	8,519 <sup>2</sup>	4,773	13,112	9,139	1,725 <sup>3</sup>	1,595	114	973

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports 5,765 patients waiting for gynaecological surgery at June 30, 2002.

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports 3,637 patients waiting for gynaecology at March 31, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that all 8 regional health authorities report 1,590 patients waiting for gynaecology at December 31, 2001.

**Table 13c: Ophthalmology (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist<sup>1</sup>**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Cataract Removal	12,280 <sup>2</sup>	3,903	10,198	2,107	45,129	74,853	1,968	3,055	247	258
Cornea Transplant	21 <sup>2</sup>	21	2	12	111	122	—	2	—	—
Cornea—Pterygium	111 <sup>2</sup>	56	56	45	454	327	13	12	5	6
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	441	181	202	367	3,307	2,493	7	120	—	10
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	2,529	807	210	—	3,415	2,658	18	286	—	—
Lacrimal Duct	395	76	262	17	1,315	1,535	50	160	—	39
Strabismus	425	56	82	—	1,749	1,059	36	120	3	25
Operations on Eyelids	366	291	610	127	1,899	1,285	103	106	21	39
Total	16,567 <sup>2</sup>	5,391	11,620 <sup>3</sup>	2,674	57,379	84,332	2,195 <sup>4</sup>	3,860	276	377

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>The procedure data reported generally includes only those procedures performed in public facilities. A large number of ophthalmological surgeries are performed in private facilities. The distribution of surgeries between public and private facilities varies significantly between provinces. There are also differences between provinces regarding payment or reimbursement for ophthalmological surgery at a private facility.

<sup>2</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports 15,976 patients waiting for ophthalmology, 14,345 waiting for cataract surgery, and 511 waiting for cornea transplant at June 30, 2002.

<sup>3</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports 5,909 patients waiting for ophthalmology at March 31, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>4</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 7 of 8 regional health authorities reports 2,384 patients waiting for ophthalmology at December 31, 2001.

**Table 13d: Otolaryngology (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Myringotomy	857	756	488	1,067	5,347	3,557	649	345	—	87
Tympanoplasty	343	65	513	68	530	366	151	99	—	21
Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Other Endocrine Glands	482	255	125	130	1,215	455	47	47	—	—
Tonsillectomy and/or Adenoidectomy	1,995	1,585	2,189	885	5,967	530	578	727	—	131
Rhinoplasty and/or Septal Surgery	1,117	129	652	238	1,148	675	154	311	—	22
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	2,349	751	871	265	2,778	994	227	273	—	53
Total	7,144 <sup>1</sup>	3,541	4,838 <sup>2</sup>	2,653	16,985	6,577	1,806 <sup>3</sup>	1,801	—	314

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health reports 4,987 patients waiting for ear, nose, and throat surgery at June 30, 2002.

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports 2,506 patients waiting for otolaryngology at March 31, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that all 8 regional health authorities report 2,056 patients waiting for otolaryngology at December 31, 2001.

**Table 13e: General Surgery (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Hernia/Hydrocele	2,805	1,382	2,282	496	4,036	2,740	288	510	60	152
Cholecystectomy	2,420	1,291	2,470	379	3,506	2,888	337	459	65	186
Colonoscopy	2,018	1,647	855	642	8,782	10,539	365	654	71	255
Intestinal Operations	2,941	1,066	793	430	4,888	3,501	143	318	38	180
Haemorrhoidectomy	889	662	1,104	238	1,430	1,510	92	117	18	167
Breast Biopsy	74	53	31	23	197	140	38	56	4	10
Mastectomy	441	236	118	124	1,066	556	57	68	18	49
Bronchus and Lung	34	34	—	85	265	141	8	17	1	—
Aneurysm Surgery	42	8	—	14	71	80	3	—	—	4
Varicose Veins	782	554	392	165	705	943	63	31	7	26
Total	12,446 <sup>1</sup>	6,932	8,044 <sup>2</sup>	2,596	24,946	23,039	1,395 <sup>3</sup>	2,229	283	1,029

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports 10,018 patients waiting for general surgery at June 30, 2002.

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports 2,957 patients waiting for general surgery at March 31, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that all 8 regional health authorities report 2,406 patients waiting for general surgery at December 31, 2001.

**Table 13f: Neurosurgery (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Peripheral Nerve	106	154	10	20	647	214	88	33	—	53
Disc Surgery/ Laminectomy	594	282	101	54	1,062	1,186	121	39	—	13
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	283	448	68	83	1,101	430	98	89	—	11
Aneurysm Surgery	4	8	1	1	19	7	2	1	—	—
Carotid endarterectomy	70	11	6	3	55	26	8	6	—	—
Total	1,057 <sup>1</sup>	904	185 <sup>2</sup>	161	2,884	1,863	316 <sup>3</sup>	167	—	78

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports 1,066 patients waiting for neurosurgery at June 30, 2002.

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports 618 patients waiting for neurosurgery at March 31, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to “Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan.”

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 2 of 8 regional health authorities report 143 patients waiting for neurosurgery at December 31, 2001.

**Table 13g: Orthopaedic Surgery (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	3,542	3,307	5,663	655	10,004	4,523	1,564	1,171	74	280
Removal of Pins	1,067	691	1,258	319	2,329	1,733	347	268	6	149
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Ankle, Shoulder)	8,656 <sup>1</sup>	4,780 <sup>2</sup>	8,628	1,263	15,792	6,278	864	2,162	78	446
Arthroplasty (Interphalangeal, Metatarsophalangeal)	243	186	233	79	463	290	20	127	5	12
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	544	160	875	—	2,188	732	342	362	11	59
Digit Neuroma	882	961	869	775	2,561	2,273	270	354	10	276
Rotator Cuff Repair	386	480	374	118	1,328	710	119	140	3	55
Ostectomy (All Types)	1,857	1,626	2,589	586	5,997	3,686	609	730	29	225
Routine Spinal Instability	707	411	808	110	1,366	711	297	167	—	42
Total	17,886 <sup>1</sup>	12,601	21,295 <sup>3</sup>	3,905	42,027	20,936	4,432 <sup>4</sup>	5,479	216	1,544

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports 14,438 people waiting for orthopaedic surgery, 2,264 waiting for hip replacement surgery, and 3,559 waiting for knee replacement surgery at June 30, 2002.

<sup>2</sup>Alberta Health and Wellness reports 2,754 persons waiting for hip or knee replacement as of December 31, 2001.

<sup>3</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports 7,694 patients waiting for orthopaedic surgery at March 31, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to "Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan."

<sup>4</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports all 8 regional health authorities report 3,251 patients waiting for orthopaedic surgery at December 31, 2001.

**Table 13h: Cardiovascular Surgery (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Coronary Artery Bypass	307	887 <sup>2</sup>	58	35	510 <sup>4</sup>	463	123	33	—	96
Valves & Septa of the Heart	122	116 <sup>2</sup>	13	6	139 <sup>4</sup>	75	24	9	—	4
Aneurysm Surgery	5	1	—	—	7	4	—	—	—	—
Carotid Endarterectomy	37	10	7	8	37	41	4	10	—	3
Pacemaker Operations	171	41	45	—	310	192	19	40	—	—
Total	641 <sup>1</sup>	1,055	123 <sup>3</sup>	49	1,003	774	171 <sup>5</sup>	94	—	103

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports 680 patients waiting for cardiac surgery and 1,180 patients waiting for vascular surgery at June 30, 2002.

<sup>2</sup>Alberta Health and Wellness reports that 589 persons were waiting for open heart procedures as of December 31, 2001.

<sup>3</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports 314 patients waiting for cardiovascular surgery at March 31, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to "Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan."

<sup>4</sup>Cardiac Care Network of Ontario reports 1,083 patients waiting for open-heart surgery at May 9, 2002.

<sup>5</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that 1 of 8 regional health authorities reports 58 patients waiting for cardiac surgery at December 31, 2001.

**Table 13i: Urology (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Non-radical Prostatectomy	1,253	190	502	61	1,217	1,342	165	82	—	82
Radical Prostatectomy	83	47	16	11	268	120	10	16	—	10
Transurethral Resection—Bladder	364	130	95	33	1,035	559	74	62	—	25
Radical Cystectomy	12	5	3	2	41	13	2	2	—	1
Cystoscopy	2,967	1,666	393	127	13,155	13,461	2,245	1,170	—	384
Hernia/Hydrocele	1,187	467	805	121	2,077	1,533	688	122	—	52
Bladder Fulguration	402	283	134	70	1,627	750	100	89	—	32
Ureteral Reimplantation for Reflux	16	12	27	4	84	45	6	19	—	4
Total	6,283 <sup>1</sup>	2,800	1,974 <sup>2</sup>	428	19,503	17,822	3,290 <sup>3</sup>	1,562	—	590

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health website reports 5,553 patients waiting for urological surgery at June 30, 2002.

<sup>2</sup>Saskatchewan Health reports 1,187 patients waiting for urology at March 31, 2002. For an extensive explanation, please refer to "Verification of current data with governments—Saskatchewan."

<sup>3</sup>New Brunswick Health and Wellness reports that all 8 regional health authorities report 967 patients waiting for urology at December 31, 2001.

**Table 13j: Internal Medicine (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Colonoscopy	2,228	2,796	760	816	8,708	6,916	394	551	79	476
Angiography /Angioplasty	3,210	941	601	244	3,641	2,471	611	343	25	335
Bronchoscopy	148	148	14	53	793	1,338	34	49	3	41
Gastroscopy	218	308	148	131	1,473	1,010	47	43	15	130
Total	5,803	4,192	1,523	1,244	14,614	11,734	1,085	986	123	981

Note: Totals may not match sums of individual procedures due to rounding.

**Table 13k: Radiation Oncology (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Radiotherapy	41 <sup>1</sup>	69	60	47	366	264	74	28	—	9

Note: All data regarding oncology refer only to procedures done in hospitals. Most cancer patients are treated in cancer agencies. Therefore, the oncology data must be regarded as incomplete.

<sup>1</sup>BC Ministry of Health web site reports 319 patients waiting for radiation oncology at June 30, 2002.

**Table 13l: Medical Oncology (2001-02)—Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Chemotherapy	94	398	—	260	1,317	414	79	37	4	—

Note: All data regarding oncology refer only to procedures done in hospitals. Most cancer patients are treated in cancer agencies. Therefore, the oncology data must be regarded as incomplete.

**Table 14: Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist (2001-02)—Procedures per 100,000 Population**

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NF
Plastic Surgery	128	81	219	340	69	88	75	230	129	85
Gynaecology	188	183	839	415	110	123	228	169	82	182
Ophthalmology	404	176	1,144	233	483	1,138	290	409	199	71
Otolaryngology	174	116	476	231	143	89	239	191	—	59
General Surgery	304	226	792	226	210	311	184	236	204	193
Neurosurgery	26	29	18	14	24	25	42	18	—	15
Orthopaedic Surgery	437	411	2,096	340	354	283	585	581	156	289
Cardiovascular Surgery	16	34	12	4	8	10	23	10	—	19
Urology	153	91	194	37	164	241	435	166	—	111
Internal Medicine	142	137	150	108	123	158	143	105	89	184
Radiation Oncology	1	2	6	4	3	4	10	3	—	2
Medical Oncology	2	13	—	23	11	6	10	4	3	—

Note: All data regarding oncology refer only to procedures done in hospitals. Most cancer patients are treated in cancer agencies. Therefore, the oncology data must be regarded as incomplete.

**Table 15: Comparison of Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist, by Selected Specialties, 2000-01 and 2001-02**

	British Columbia			Alberta			Saskatchewan			Manitoba			Ontario		
	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg	2001-02	2000-01	% chg
Plastic Surgery	5,253	4,758	10%	2,488	2,454	1%	2,227	1,602	39%	3,909	1,088	259%	8,186	7,867	4%
Gynaecology	7,688	7,622	1%	5,601	6,067	-8%	8,519	5,686	50%	4,773	2,807	70%	13,112	12,597	4%
Ophthalmology	16,567	15,622	6%	5,391	3,149	71%	11,620	10,292	13%	2,674	3,939	-32%	57,379	45,228	27%
Otolaryngology	7,144	6,912	3%	3,541	3,304	7%	4,838	4,517	7%	2,653	1,381	92%	16,985	13,773	23%
General Surgery	12,446	15,312	-19%	6,932	6,543	6%	8,044	6,822	18%	2,596	2,227	17%	24,946	21,262	17%
Neurosurgery	1,057	688	54%	904	939	-4%	185	319	-42%	161	300	-46%	2,884	3,091	-7%
Orthopaedic Surgery	17,886	16,884	6%	12,601	10,883	16%	21,295	12,688	68%	3,905	3,027	29%	42,027	35,278	19%
Cardiovascular Surgery	641	1,742	-63%	1,055	1,225	-14%	123	118	4%	49	117	-59%	1,003	924	9%
Urology	6,283	8,103	-22%	2,800	3,030	-8%	1,974	2,605	-24%	428	1,035	-59%	19,503	17,490	12%
Internal Medicine	5,803	4,625	25%	4,192	4,518	-7%	1,523	1,800	-15%	1,244	917	36%	14,614	11,581	26%
Radiation Oncology	41	47	-12%	69	106	-36%	60	39	52%	47	—	—	366	278	32%
Medical Oncology	94	125	-25%	398	239	66%	—	80	—	260	—	—	1,317	1,577	-16%
Residual	62,109	62,863	-1%	38,256	37,632	2%	41,368	31,959	29%	19,927	13,790	44%	151,225	126,795	19%
Total	143,013	145,302	-2%	84,230	80,090	5%	101,776	78,527	30%	42,625	30,629	39%	353,547	297,743	19%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from specific estimated values, which have been rounded for inclusion in the table. All data regarding oncology refer only to procedures done in hospitals. Most cancer patients are treated in cancer agencies. Therefore, the oncology data must be regarded as incomplete.

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**Table 15: Comparison of Estimated Number of Procedures for which Patients are Waiting after Appointment with Specialist, by Selected Specialties, 2000-01 and 2001-02**

	Quebec		New Brunswick		Nova Scotia		Prince Edward Island		Newfoundland		
	2000-02	2000-01	2000-02	2000-01	2000-02	2000-01	2000-02	2000-01	2000-02	2000-01	2000-02
Plastic Surgery	6,557	5,205	569	1,382	2,168	1,363	178	330	456	873	48%
Gynaecology	9,139	8,968	1,725	2,608	1,595	1,254	114	142	973	939	4%
Ophthalmology	84,332	64,378	2,195	1,339	3,860	2,505	276	—	377	443	-15%
Otolaryngology	6,577	8,462	1,806	1,573	1,801	1,574	—	116	314	871	-64%
General Surgery	23,039	25,784	1,395	1,408	2,229	1,856	283	347	1,029	1,239	-17%
Neurosurgery	1,863	2,422	316	255	167	110	—	—	78	—	—
Orthopaedic Surgery	20,936	20,168	4,432	4,376	5,479	3,428	216	263	1,544	979	58%
Cardiovascular Surgery	774	1,325	171	31	94	121	—	—	103	23	343%
Urology	17,822	13,644	3,290	2,705	1,562	2,214	—	151	590	661	-11%
Internal Medicine	11,734	8,553	1,085	766	986	768	123	193	981	651	51%
Radiation Oncology	264	312	74	79	28	14	—	—	9	9	4%
Medical Oncology	414	472	79	48	37	93	4	3	—	130	—
Residual	104,812	89,332	12,696	12,132	17,181	13,368	989	1,154	5,156	5,189	-1%
Total	288,262	249,023	29,834	28,702	37,187	28,669	2,182	2,698	11,609	12,005	-3%

Note: Percentage changes are calculated from specific estimated values, which have been rounded for inclusion in the table. All data regarding oncology refer only to procedures done in hospitals. Most cancer patients are treated in cancer agencies. Therefore, the oncology data must be regarded as incomplete.

<b>Procedure</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>NB</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>NF</b>
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Ankle, Shoulder)	8,512	6,717	2,919	25,695	1,787	2,374	246	691
Arthroplasty (Interphalangeal/Metatarsophalangeal)	341	197	45	666	48	84	2	33
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	634	613	302	3,085	289	106	19	102
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	722	667	674	2,552	379	171	23	49
Ostectomy	1,927	2,114	836	7,218	567	478	18	230
Removal of Pins	1,009	854	280	2,861	226	195	16	108
Rotator Cuff Repair	215	221	96	569	57	58	4	41
Routine Spinal Instability	1,071	1,096	378	3,510	318	222	0	92
Bladder Fulguration	1,481	1,327	1,294	7,683	509	564	126	195
Cystoscopy	3,464	1,865	1,447	13,009	2,044	2,014	294	892
Non-radical Prostatectomy	3,966	1,435	1,154	8,557	667	889	155	279
Radical Cystectomy	135	101	25	314	22	40	2	19
Radical Prostatectomy	760	487	127	1,988	107	188	33	103
Transurethral Resection—Bladder	1,325	742	504	4,891	450	326	69	248
Ureteral Reimplantation for Reflux	70	174	47	298	15	179	2	17
Cataract Removal	514	229	118	809	133	252	14	33
Cornea Transplant	25	3	1	8	0	2	1	1
Cornea—Pterygium	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	392	347	178	621	20	360	13	76
Lacrimal Duct Surgery	90	105	126	294	34	233	0	40
Operations on Eyelids	423	263	142	868	92	167	7	41
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	5,058	4,472	1,024	6,466	23	2,509	4	259
Strabismus Surgery	58	28	77	110	7	12	1	1
Myringotomy	543	359	231	1,784	577	239	38	178
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	1,475	1,162	235	2,190	274	351	57	221
Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Other Endocrine Glands	1,375	1,251	418	5,236	320	373	24	218
Tonsillectomy and/or Adenoidectomy	2,295	1,551	1,212	4,120	1,593	862	230	1,016
Tympanoplasty	237	140	34	609	86	105	7	46
Radiotherapy	723	738	274	2,562	484	324	50	67
Chemotherapy	2,676	1,889	567	9,152	1,625	898	85	322
Breast Biopsy	195	141	89	560	90	62	3	20
Bronchus and Lung	839	758	289	3,230	215	373	19	139

Note: Information is not available in this format for Quebec procedures, and is incomplete for Manitoba procedures.  
Source: Canadian Institute for Health Information, "Number of Procedures by CCP Code, by Province, 2000-01."

**Table 16a: Acute Inpatient Procedures, 2000-01**

<b>Procedure</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>NB</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>NF</b>
Cholecystectomy	6,577	4,855	2,619	13,151	2,284	2,062	431	1,500
Haemorrhoidectomy	836	558	312	1,560	218	220	9	117
Intestinal Operations	8,234	6,026	2,443	25,407	2,094	2,615	302	1,477
Mastectomy	2,831	2,007	808	6,071	518	646	127	430
Varicose Veins	292	377	104	625	87	53	19	91
Disk Surgery/ Laminectomy	1,245	1,141	523	5,113	299	259	0	270
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	2,416	2,290	881	7,701	423	615	0	392
Blepharoplasty	7	9	16	86	6	46	0	0
Mammoplasty	1,580	990	324	3,905	628	159	53	72
Scar Revision	1,251	1,552	418	3,430	271	386	43	217
Coronary Artery Bypass	4,089	3,496	1,340	17,936	1,026	1,655	0	1,247
Pacemaker Operations	4,155	2,418	1,185	8,739	950	1,209	58	219
Valves & Septa of the Heart	1,531	1,159	300	4,314	203	467	0	112
Angiography/Angioplasty	8,895	5,186	2,255	20,418	1,857	1,938	59	1,128
Bronchoscopy	980	1,476	211	4,835	249	477	25	436
Gastroscopy	634	875	340	3,312	402	232	73	279
Dilation and Curettage	716	553	160	1,549	123	43	28	93
Hysterectomy	6,528	4,811	1,968	18,743	2,211	2,013	308	1,343
Hysteroscopic Procedures	190	206	82	532	47	8	7	47
Laparoscopic Procedures	2,023	924	844	4,258	377	173	35	115
Tubal Ligation	1,406	1,294	737	3,733	511	453	72	260
Tuboplasty	108	95	24	138	5	6	2	9
Vaginal Repair	1,052	1,012	393	3,970	381	553	27	225
Rhinoplasty and/or Septal Surgery	837	302	187	1,090	290	506	52	294
Hernia/Hydrocele	5,677	4,691	2,582	22,794	1,598	1,926	271	915
Carotid Endarterectomy	851	497	152	1,690	177	129	44	89
Hand Surgery/Digit Neuroma	319	191	119	871	88	70	4	85
Neurolysis/Peripheral Nerve	517	603	183	4,409	235	137	11	116
Colonoscopy	2,730	2,475	1,267	10,169	991	605	187	742
Aneurysm Surgery	328	241	60	1,037	57	48	4	33
Residual	103,183	84,173	30,879	308,565	24,263	32,319	2,661	15,572
<b>Total</b>	<b>214,569</b>	<b>168,530</b>	<b>68,859</b>	<b>631,669</b>	<b>55,927</b>	<b>67,039</b>	<b>6,474</b>	<b>33,702</b>

Note: Information is not available in this format for Quebec procedures, and is incomplete for Manitoba procedures.

Source: Canadian Institute for Health Information, "Number of Procedures by CCP Code, by Province, 2000-01."

<b>Procedure</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>NB</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>NF</b>
Arthroplasty (Hip, Knee, Ankle, Shoulder)	1,988	1,038	3,854	246	371	7	33
Arthroplasty (Interphalangeal/Metatarsophalangeal)	382	65	828	51	116	15	42
Hallux Valgus/Hammer Toe	1,001	233	4,838	297	552	53	95
Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy	11,436	4,561	32,244	4,199	2,323	747	693
Ostectomy	2,708	816	9,721	898	922	173	95
Removal of Pins	2,421	619	5,697	456	364	43	226
Rotator Cuff Repair	729	316	3,335	187	230	13	120
Routine Spinal Instability	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bladder Fulguration	1,563	393	8,901	462	522	29	212
Cystoscopy	22,507	10,851	122,180	5,951	9,824	715	3,650
Non-radical Prostatectomy	591	6	600	19	26	0	5
Transurethral Resection—Bladder	3,079	434	5,582	303	602	14	85
Ureteral Reimplantation for Reflux	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Cataract Removal	30,082	10,722	89,554	5,356	7,862	629	2,301
Cornea Transplant	7	0	196	0	0	0	1
Cornea—Pterygium	336	133	1,276	42	53	12	88
Iris, Ciliary Body, Sclera, Anterior Chamber	719	572	10,829	57	528	15	74
Lacrimal Duct Surgery	898	324	4,620	200	68	12	57
Operations on Eyelids	2,039	1,101	7,955	497	422	48	246
Retina, Choroid, Vitreous	4,935	1,090	21,064	76	574	6	96
Strabismus Surgery	1,130	147	3,436	184	661	5	62
Myringotomy	5,003	3,617	30,700	2,605	3,345	349	1,337
Operations on Nasal Sinuses	3,191	341	9,592	428	389	69	462
Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Other Endocrine Glands	53	52	553	7	55	1	8
Tonsillectomy and/or Adenoidectomy	2,831	236	18,187	496	615	56	121
Tympanoplasty	898	386	1,440	311	241	1	222
Radiotherapy	256	64	164	1	0	0	2
Chemotherapy	78	309	14,210	13	18	8	647
Breast Biopsy	983	521	2,835	569	1,005	71	200
Bronchus and Lung	41	3	246	1	11	0	3
Cholecystectomy	2,241	226	15,427	379	1,007	20	115
Haemorrhoidectomy	1,991	948	8,290	183	466	102	419

Note: Information is not available in this format for Alberta and Quebec procedures, and is incomplete for Manitoba procedures.  
 Source: Canadian Institute for Health Information, "Number of Procedures by CCP Code, by Province, 2000-01."

**Table 16b: Same Day Procedures, 2000-01**

<b>Procedure</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>NB</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>NF</b>
Intestinal Operations	7,483	2,545	34,255	661	1,799	353	922
Mastectomy	4,809	1,186	13,372	812	972	239	673
Varicose Veins	1,406	319	4,926	100	270	31	30
Disk Surgery/Laminectomy	4	0	55	0	3	0	1
Elective Cranial Bone Flap	20	7	111	1	2	1	1
Blepharoplasty	229	177	1,933	46	15	7	54
Mammoplasty	888	130	3,074	87	130	44	9
Scar Revision	632	139	3,212	224	807	32	56
Pacemaker Operations	1,072	368	3,460	24	529	2	117
Valves & Septa of the Heart	11	2	12	0	0	0	0
Angiography/Angioplasty	5,784	2,241	8,664	683	537	72	274
Bronchoscopy	887	77	4,013	189	343	45	296
Gastroscopy	1,218	1,539	9,557	136	336	142	631
Dilation and Curettage	8,207	2,063	22,530	1,140	1,727	238	2,040
Hysterectomy	4	4	131	2	12	0	1
Hysteroscopic Procedures	4,600	1,661	12,970	620	949	98	1,055
Laparoscopic Procedures	3,337	1,213	12,745	714	929	151	617
Tubal Ligation	4,543	818	14,391	1,345	1,249	155	707
Tuboplasty	100	9	114	10	10	5	14
Vaginal Repair	863	273	2,558	123	318	31	84
Rhinoplasty and/or Septal Surgery	3,569	712	7,066	600	487	6	113
Hernia/Hydrocele	8,107	1,229	20,695	1,598	1,985	283	630
Carotid Endarterectomy	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Hand Surgery/Digit Neuroma	3,980	1,030	12,627	674	1,019	111	454
Neurolysis/Peripheral Nerve	1,362	386	6,585	478	559	173	378
Colonoscopy	22,945	10,305	114,038	3,259	7,304	1,257	4,212
Aneurysm Surgery	1	0	19	0	0	0	0
Residual	129,861	41,248	494,619	27,346	45,103	3,872	17,308
<b>Total</b>	<b>322,040</b>	<b>109,805</b>	<b>1,246,089</b>	<b>65,346</b>	<b>100,567</b>	<b>10,561</b>	<b>42,396</b>

Note: Information is not available in this format for Alberta and Quebec procedures, and is incomplete for Manitoba procedures.  
Source: Canadian Institute for Health Information, "Number of Procedures by CCP Code, by Province, 2000-01."

# Appendix 1: The Fraser Institute National Waiting List Survey

## General Surgery

Please circle the province in which your office is located:

AB BC MB NB NF NS NT NU 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:

In another province? \_\_\_\_\_ %    Outside of Canada? \_\_\_\_\_ %

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

In another province? \_\_\_\_\_ %    Outside of Canada? \_\_\_\_\_ %

*Thank you very much for your cooperation.*

# Appendix 2: Glossary of Terms

**Aneurysm Surgery:** a surgical procedure to correct a localized abnormal dilatation of a blood vessel, usually an artery, due to a congenital defect or a weakness in the wall of the vessel.

**Angiography/Angioplasty:** **angiography** is the diagnostic or therapeutic radiography of the heart and blood vessels using a radiopaque (impenetrable to x-rays or other forms of radiation) contrast medium (types include magnetic resonance imaging, interventional radiology, and computed tomography), and an **angioplasty** is the alteration of a blood vessel, either surgically or by dilating the vessel using a balloon inside the lumen (the space within an artery or vein).

**Arthroplasty:** plastic surgery to reshape or reconstruct a diseased joint (“interphalangeal” refers to a joint between two phalanges, i.e., fingers or toes).

**Bladder Fulguration:** destruction of bladder tissue by means of high-frequency electric sparks.

**Blepharoplasty:** plastic surgery on the eyelid.

**Bronchoscopy:** examination of the bronchi through a bronchoscope (an endoscope designed to pass through the trachea for visual inspection of the tracheobronchial tree).

**Bronchus:** the bronchus, or windpipe, is one of the two large branches of the trachea.

**Carotid Endarterectomy:** a surgical technique for removing intra-arterial obstructions of the lower cervical portion of the internal carotid artery (one of two arteries that comprise the principal blood supply to the head and neck).

**Cataract Removal:** removal of a cataract (i.e., opacity of the lens of the eye, its capsule, or both).

**Cholecystectomy:** excision of the gallbladder by abdominal incision or laparoscopy.

**Colonoscopy:** examination of the upper portion of the rectum with an elongated speculum or a colonoscope (an instrument for examining the colon).

**Cornea—Pterygium:** triangular thickening of the bulbar conjunctiva extending from the inner canthus (eye slit) to the border of the cornea with the apex toward the pupil.

**Cornea Transplant:** transplant of the cornea (transparent anterior portion of the fibrous outer layer of the eyeball composing about one-sixth of its surface).

**Craniofacial Procedures:** procedures concerning the head and the face.

**Cystectomy:** removal of a cyst; excision of the cystic duct and the gallbladder, or just the cystic duct; excision of the urinary bladder or a part of it.

**Cystoscopy:** examination of the bladder with a cystoscope (an instrument for interior examination of the bladder and ureter).

**Digit Neuroma:** a neuroma (i.e., a tumour composed of nerve cells) affecting a digit (finger or toe).

**Dilation and Curettage:** a surgical procedure that expands the cervical canal of the uterus (dilation) so that the surface lining of the uterine wall can be scraped (curettage).

**Disk Surgery/Laminectomy:** a laminectomy is the excision of a vertebral posterior arch, usually to remove a lesion or herniated disc.

**Gastroscopy:** examination of the stomach and abdominal cavity using a gastroscope (an endoscope for inspecting the stomach’s interior).

**Glaucoma:** a group of eye diseases characterized by increased intraocular pressure, resulting in atrophy of the optic nerve and possibly leading to blindness.

**Hallux Valgus:** displacement of the big toe toward the other toes.

**Haemorrhoidectomy:** the removal of haemorrhoids by one of several techniques including surgery, cryotherapy, infrared photocoagulation, laser surgery,



or ligation by use of rubber bands applied to the base of the haemorrhoid.

**Hernia/Hydrocele:** a **hernia** is a protrusion or projection of an organ or part of an organ through the wall of the cavity that normally contains it, and a **hydrocele** is the accumulation of a serous fluid in a saclike cavity.

**Hysterectomy:** surgical removal of the uterus through the abdominal wall or vagina.

**Hysteroscopic Procedures:** procedures involving inspection of the uterus by the use of a special endoscope called a hysteroscope (an instrument for examining the uterine cavity).

**Iris/Ciliary Body/Sclera/Anterior Chamber:** **iris** (the coloured contractile membrane suspended between the lens and the cornea in the aqueous humour of the eye, separating the anterior and posterior chambers of the eyeball and perforated in the centre by the pupil); **ciliary muscle** (the smooth muscle forming a part of the ciliary body of the eye: contraction pulls the choroid forward, lessening tension on the fibres of the zonula (suspensory ligament) and allowing the lens, which is elastic, to become more spherical: accommodation for near vision is accomplished by this process); and, **sclera** (the outer layer of the eyeball made of fibrous connective tissue: at the front of the eye, it is visible as the white of the eye and ends at the cornea, which is transparent).

**Lacrimal Duct:** tear duct.

**Laparoscopic Procedures:** procedures involving abdominal exploration using a laparoscope (an endoscope designed to permit visual examination of the abdominal cavity).

**Mammoplasty:** plastic surgery of the breast.

**Mastectomy:** excision of the breast.

**Meniscectomy/Arthroscopy:** a **meniscectomy** is the removal of meniscus cartilage of the knee, and **arthroscopy** is the direct visualization of a joint by means of an arthroscope (an endoscope for examining the interior of a joint).

**Myringotomy:** incision of the tympanic membrane (of the ear).

**Neurolysis:** the stretching of a nerve to relieve pain; the loosening of adhesions surrounding a nerve; the disintegration or destruction of nerve tissue.

**Ostectomy:** surgical excision of a bone or a portion of one.

**Peripheral Nervous System:** the portion of the nervous system outside the central nervous system.

**Prostatectomy:** excision of part or all of the prostate gland (radical is the complete removal, while non-radical is a partial removal).

**Retina/Choroid/Vitreous:** **retina** (the innermost layer of the eye, which receives images transmitted through the lens and contains the receptors for vision, the rods and cones); **choroid** (the dark blue vascular layer of the eye between the sclera and the retina, extending from the ora serrata to the optic nerve: it consists of blood vessels united by connective tissue containing pigmented cells and contains five layers); and, **vitreous body** (a transparent jelly-like mass composed of collagen fibrils and a gel (vitreous humour): it fills the cavity of the eyeball, behind the lens and in front of the retina).

**Rhinoplasty and/or Septal Surgery:** **rhinoplasty** is plastic surgery of the nose, and **septal surgery** is a surgical procedure on the nasal septum, i.e., the wall dividing the two nasal cavities.

**Strabismus:** a disorder of the eye in which optic axes cannot be directed to the same object: the squinting eye always deviates to the same extent when the eyes are carried in different directions.

**Thyroid and Other Endocrine Glands:** the **thyroid** is an endocrine gland in the neck, anterior to and partially surrounded by the thyroid cartilage and upper rings of the trachea, and **endocrine glands** are ductless glands that produce an internal secretion discharged into the blood or lymph and circulated to all parts of the body (hormones, the active principles of the glands, affect tissues more or less remote from their place of origin).

**Tonsillectomy and/or Adenoidectomy:** a **tonsillectomy** is the surgical removal of the tonsils and an **adenoidectomy** is the excision of the adenoids.

**Tubal ligation:** surgery to tie the fallopian tubes (through which ova and spermatozoa travel).

**Tuboplasty:** plastic repair of a fallopian tube or tubes in an attempt to restore patency so that fertilization of the ovum may occur.

**Tympanoplasty:** any one of several surgical procedures designed either to cure a chronic inflammatory process in the middle ear or to restore function to the sound-transmitting mechanism of the middle ear.

**Varicose vein:** an enlarged, twisted superficial vein.

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