

FOIPOP NSHA-2025-038

Request: Please provide the most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are:

- Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure
- Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan
- Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for an appointment with a specialist

Please be sure to note the date the data was compiled.

Responsive Data:**1. Number of patients on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure**

Zone of Hospital	Number of Patients on Waitlist as of May 1, 2025
Central	8305
Eastern	2542
Northern	2188
Western	2418

Note:

Since December 31, 2020, the NSH waitlist for surgical procedures has been reduced by over 7211 patients. (December 2020: 22,664 – May 1: 15,453)

This is a reduction in the surgical waitlist of 31.8% (December 2020-May 2025).

NSH has established a target for the surgical waitlist. As of May 1, NSH is within approximately 2000 cases of meeting the target.

The target is calculated based on incoming demand (new patients added to the waitlist) and the surgeon assigned wait times for surgery.

2. Number of patients on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan

Modality	Number of Patients on Waitlist as of May 1, 2025
CT	95,663

3. Number of patients on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for an appointment with a specialist

Department/Division	Number of Patients on Waitlist as of May 1, 2025 (Except Hematology/Oncology)
Cardiology	3547
Dermatology	6366
Endocrinology	934
Gastroenterology	2721
General Medicine	344
Geriatric Medicine	775
Infectious Diseases	480
Nephrology	178
Neurology	3190
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	515
Respirology	668
Rheumatology	1894
Hematology/Oncology (Includes benign and malignant patients. Waitlist as of August 06, 2025.)	1,699
Medical Oncology	132
Radiation Oncology	26