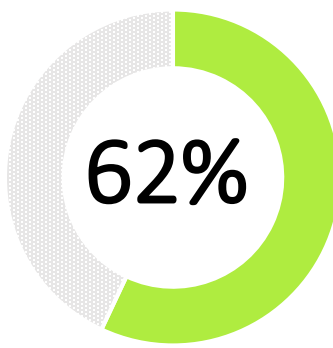


How Long are Nova Scotians Waiting?



The national benchmark of 182 days is considered the appropriate wait time for a hip or knee replacement once a decision for surgery is made

Between April 2019 and March 2020

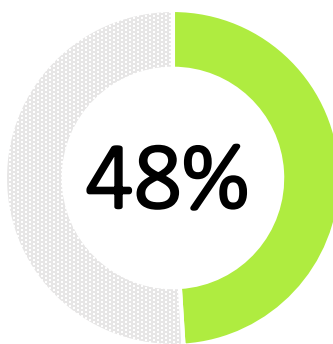


of Nova Scotians had a hip replacement procedure within 182 days

Every patient is different. Providers assign a priority level to each patient based on their clinical condition

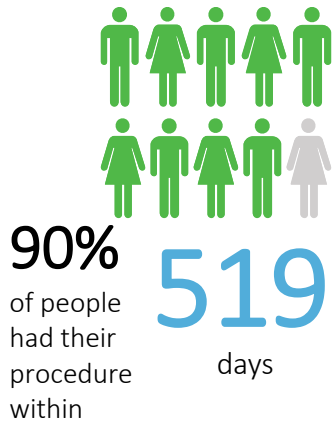
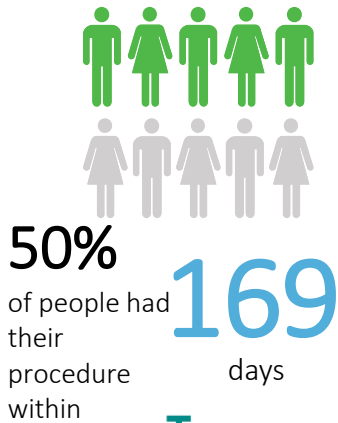


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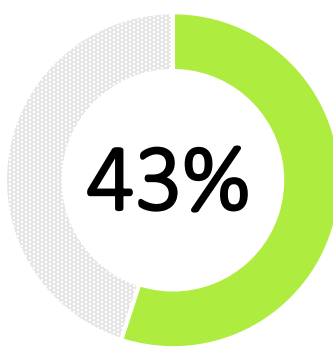


of Nova Scotians had a knee replacement procedure within 182 days

Between April 2019 and March 2020



As of March 31, 2020



of Nova Scotians waiting for a hip or knee replacement had been waiting less than 182 days

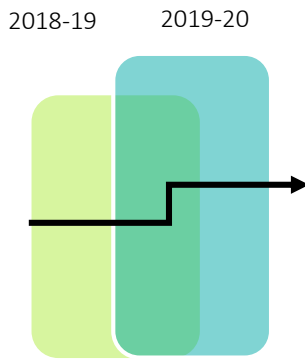


Improving Access and Wait Times

It is our goal to reduce unnecessary wait times so Nova Scotians get quality care when they need it. We have a multi-year plan underway to improve care, promote wellness and increase access to hip and knee surgeries.

Increasing Access 6.0%

Increase in the number of hip and knee replacements performed in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19.



Supporting Wellness

Patients are now referred to enhanced orthopedic assessment clinics to receive a timely initial assessment and support from a team focused on their wellness.

Our new wellness model helps patients better prepare for surgery and mobilize quickly after surgery, for the best results possible.



Note: More than 300 scheduled joint replacements were postponed during COVID-19 due to service changes. Many others were not scheduled during this time as a result. Our COVID-19 recovery plans will consider ways to rebuild on the progress that had been made.



Focus on Length of Stay in Hospital

We want to monitor the length of stay (LOS) to ensure that it stays within our target, to maximize use of resources. Shorter LOS will allow us to perform more surgeries. Our goal is to have a length of stay less than three days.



The average inpatient length of stay for hip replacement following surgery



The average inpatient length of stay for knee replacement following surgery