



A Commitment to Surgical Renewal in B.C.

Year-End Progress Report: April 2022 – March 2023

May 2023

Minister's Message

May 7th, 2023 marked the third anniversary of our surgical renewal commitment to deliver surgeries that were postponed or not scheduled due to COVID-19, to deliver surgeries fastest to those who need them most, and to change the way surgeries are delivered in B.C. It's been an extraordinary three years.

And through this report, we know that almost every single person whose surgery was postponed due to COVID-19 has received their surgery. There were many challenges ahead of us when we made this commitment, and the remarkable achievement we've made since then shows how well all of us have done to overcome them. This effort has allowed everyone involved in delivering surgeries to get these patients the surgeries they need. It's allowed us to deliver surgeries faster, and to change the way we deliver them.

This year-end report covers the period from April, 2022 to March, 2023. And in 2022-23, B.C. delivered over 350,000 surgeries – the most surgeries ever recorded in our province in a single year. This on top of 2021-22, when we delivered over 337,000 surgeries, itself a record. We have not only delivered on our commitment to deliver postponed surgeries, but we have completed more surgeries overall than we did prior to surgical renewal.

What this means is clear: Innovation works. Finding new methods, approaches, and facilities works. Individual and collective action works. All these are critical parts of surgical renewal and, put simply, surgical renewal works.

But there's another vital part of that success. Us. Whether it was us following guidance to slow the spread, or getting our vaccinations, or patients and their loved ones preparing for surgery and for the recovery from it, or all those of us involved in delivering surgeries to patients, and providing care to them after their surgery, it is our individual and collective actions that always make the difference that matters most.

Since we made our Surgical Renewal Commitment, our actions — on our own and working together — have built momentum, a strength that has taken us through multiple waves of COVID-19, respiratory illness seasons, extreme weather events, and health-care staffing challenges.

And today, as I write this, we are harnessing the power of this momentum and are continuing to change the way we deliver surgeries in B.C. Surgical renewal is not over, and the commitment to get patients the surgeries they need quickly continues to drive us forward.

As we look to the remarkable progress we've made since May 7th, 2020, I know — and I believe we all know — that there is much more within us to take us further. And that it's our individual and collective dedication that will take us there.

To me, that's the enduring power of our Surgical Renewal Commitment — each of us continuing to take the small and necessary steps so that we all continue to make great progress together.

Sincerely,



Adrian Dix
Minister of Health

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Surgical Renewal Progress: At-A-Glance as of March 31, 2023

Completing Postponed Surgeries

- ▶ Health authorities have completed 99.9% of surgeries for the 14,781 patients who were called during the first wave of COVID-19 and had their surgery postponed, and who still wanted to pursue a surgical treatment.
- ▶ Health authorities have completed 99.7% of surgeries for the 3,153 patients who were called during the second and third waves of COVID-19 and had their surgery postponed, and who still wanted to pursue a surgical treatment.
- ▶ Health authorities have completed 99.7% of surgeries for the 6,567 patients who were called during the fourth and fifth waves of COVID-19 and had their surgery postponed, and who still wanted to pursue a surgical treatment.

Decreasing the Waitlist Size

- ▶ The total waitlist size is 89,274 patients – a decrease of 4,562 patients since March 2020.

Extending Operating Room Hours

- ▶ Operating rooms ran 31,219 more hours – a 5% increase compared to the same timeframe in 2019-20.

Performing More Surgeries

- ▶ We have completed 350,886 scheduled and unscheduled surgeries – including 272,793 scheduled surgeries, which is 13,168 more scheduled surgeries compared to the same timeframe in 2019-20.
- ▶ We have completed 33,473 urgent scheduled surgeries within 4 weeks – a 9% increase compared to the same timeframe in 2019-20.
- ▶ We have performed 30,330 non-urgent surgeries on patients waiting longer than two times their target wait – a 10% increase compared to the same timeframe in 2019-20.

Training

- ▶ Since April 1, 2022, 344 surgical specialty nurses completed their training. This brings the total number of surgical nurses trained since April 2020 to 962.

Recruitment

Since April 2020, we have added net new health care staff to surgical services across B.C., including: 209 surgeons, 134 anesthesiologists, 322 perioperative nurses, 7 General Physician/Family Physician anesthesiologists, and 76 medical device reprocessing technicians.

Surgical Renewal Commitment Progress Report

This reporting period covers April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 and compares surgical activity to the same timeframe in 2019-20. By monitoring progress against the pre-COVID-19 surgical activity in fiscal year 2019-20, we ensure we are accurately tracking the progress on meeting patient needs since Surgical Renewal launched.

Monitoring during this period continues to focus on three key components of renewal:

1. **Focusing on Patients** *by prioritizing and completing postponed surgeries; performing urgent scheduled surgeries; and, completing non-urgent scheduled surgeries.*
2. **Increasing Surgeries** *through extending operating room hours; expanding summer capacity; improving operating room efficiency; performing more surgeries; and implementing new initiatives to increase capacity.*
3. **Increasing Essential Personnel** *through training and recruitment.*

Focusing on Patients

Prioritizing and Completing Postponed Surgeries

At several points during the COVID-19 pandemic, non-urgent scheduled surgeries were postponed as part of the COVID-19 response. Non-urgent scheduled surgeries were postponed across the province between March 16 and May 18, 2020 as part of the initial pandemic response. More targeted postponements occurred between November 20, 2020 and June 11, 2021 to ensure critical care staff were available to care for patients. Surgeries were also postponed between June 12, 2021 and February 4, 2022 due to extreme weather events in the late summer and fall of 2021, and the fourth and fifth waves of the pandemic. Urgent and emergency surgeries continued to be performed during each of these periods when non-urgent scheduled surgeries were postponed.

In this report, the surgeries postponed between March 16 and May 18, 2020, are referred to as “Patient Cohort 1”, the surgeries postponed between November 20, 2020 and June 11, 2021 are referred to as “Patient Cohort 2”, and the surgeries postponed between June 12, 2021 and February 4, 2022 are referred to as “Patient Cohort 3”.

Non-urgent scheduled surgeries resumed as soon as it was safe to do so, and postponed surgeries were prioritized. As patients were contacted for surgery, some patients, in consultation with their surgeon, decided to no longer pursue a surgical intervention.

We continue to prioritize postponed surgeries. But at times, staffing and capacity challenges necessitated a reduction in the number of surgeries booked. Still, significant progress has been made on completing surgeries for those who still wish to pursue surgical treatment.

Progress on Postponement Cohorts

Patient Cohort 1: A total of 17,338 surgeries were postponed between March 16 and May 18, 2020. As of this reporting period, 2,557 patients and their surgeons no longer wish to pursue surgery as a treatment, leaving 14,781. As of March 31, 2023, health authorities completed 14,779, or 99.9% of these 14,781 surgeries.

Patient Cohort 2: A total of 3,664 surgeries were postponed between November 20, 2020 and June 11, 2021. As of this reporting period, 511 patients and their surgeons no longer wish to pursue surgery as a treatment, leaving 3,153 surgeries to be completed. As of March 31, 2023, health authorities completed 3,145, or 99.7% of these 3,153 surgeries.

Patient Cohort 3: A total of 7,304 surgeries were postponed between June 12, 2021 and February 4, 2022. As of this reporting period, 737 patients and their surgeons no longer wish to pursue surgery as a treatment, leaving 6,567 surgeries to be completed. As of March 31, 2023, health authorities completed 6,549, or 99.7% of these 6,567 surgeries.

Postponed Surgeries¹ that have been Completed at March 31, 2023

Health Authority	% Postponed Surgeries Completed (Patient Cohort 1)	% Postponed Surgeries Completed (Patient Cohort 2)	% Postponed Surgeries Completed (Patient Cohort 3)
Fraser Health	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Interior Health	100.0%	100.0%	99.8%
Island Health	100.0%	100.0%	99.6%
Northern Health	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
PHSA	100.0%	99.0%	98.6%
Vancouver Coastal Health	99.9%	99.6%	99.3%
B.C. TOTAL	99.9%	99.7%	99.7%

¹ Based on cohort of postponed cases identified in the Surgical Wait Times database. Restated data.

Performing More Surgeries

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, 350,886 surgeries were completed across the province – 14,709 more than in the same timeframe in 2019-20.

Of the 350,886 surgeries, 272,793 were scheduled surgeries (13,168 more than in the same timeframe in 2019-20).

Completed Surgeries^{1,2}

Health Authority	Total Surgeries 2019-20 ⁴	Total Surgeries 2022-23 ⁵	% of 2019-20 Surgical Volumes
Fraser Health	91,911	100,407	109%
Interior Health	59,519	64,222	108%
Island Health	67,642	72,709	107%
Northern Health ³	18,914	17,782	94%
PHSA	14,680	13,574	92%
Vancouver Coastal Health	83,511	82,192	98%
B.C. TOTAL	336,177	350,886	104%

¹ Includes all surgical activity regardless of urgency, time of day, or day of week of completion. Endoscopy is excluded except for procedures performed in the operating room at BC Children’s Hospital. Activity from four small sites within Interior Health are not currently included.

² Period from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 (2019-20 fiscal year compared to 2022-23 fiscal year).

³ Northern Health is based on University Hospital of Northern B.C. data only.

⁴ Baseline Year represents activity performed in the equivalent date range (not fiscal period) in the 2019-20 FY with March 2019 (instead of March 2020) being used due to COVID Wave 1 impacts seen in March 2020.

⁵ The 2022-23 fiscal year had two additional statutory holidays than 2019-20.

Performing Urgent Scheduled Surgeries

Surgical Renewal has focused on patients who need surgery most and where it can be done safely. For 2022-23, health authorities have continued to focus on completing all urgent scheduled surgeries within four weeks. In this report, urgent cases are defined as scheduled cases with a recommended wait time target of up to and including four weeks. This aligns with the definition of urgent used in the Commitment to Surgical Renewal but differs from the six-week cut-off used in monthly reports prior to June 2021.

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, 33,473 urgent scheduled surgeries were completed within four weeks across the province – 2,737 more than in the same timeframe in 2019-20.

Completed Urgent Scheduled Surgeries within 4 weeks^{1,2}

Health Authority	≤ 4 weeks 2019-20 ⁴	≤ 4 weeks 2022-23 ⁵	% of 2019-20 Surgical Volumes
Fraser Health	6,500	7,481	115%
Interior Health	5,991	6,382	107%
Island Health	6,597	8,010	121%
Northern Health ³	1,116	1,127	101%
PHSA	1,519	1,697	112%
Vancouver Coastal Health	9,013	8,776	97%
B.C. TOTAL	30,736	33,473	109%

¹ Includes all urgent surgical activity regardless of time of day or day of week of completion. Endoscopy is excluded except for procedures performed in the operating room at BC Children's Hospital. Activity from four small sites within Interior Health are not currently included.

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Completing Non-Urgent Scheduled Surgeries

Surgical Renewal has also focused on patients waiting a long time for non-urgent surgeries. Although these surgeries are defined as non-urgent, for patients they are very much needed and important.

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, 30,330 non-urgent surgeries on patients waiting longer than two times their target wait time were completed across the province – 2,803 more than in the same timeframe in 2019-20.

Completed Non-Urgent Scheduled Surgeries^{1,2}

Health Authority	>2x Target Wait Times 2019-20 ⁴	>2x Target Wait Times 2022-23 ⁵	% of 2019-20 Surgical Volumes
Fraser Health	8,241	7,234	88%
Interior Health	5,463	7,544	138%
Island Health	5,472	5,487	100%
Northern Health ³	956	1,825	191%
PHSA	395	1,610	408%
Vancouver Coastal Health	7,000	6,630	95%
B.C. TOTAL	27,527	30,330	110%

¹ Includes all non-urgent surgical activity regardless of time of day or day of week of completion. Endoscopy is excluded except for procedures performed in the operating room at BC Children's Hospital. Activity from four small sites within Interior Health are not currently included.

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Decreasing the Waitlist Size

Health authorities continue to make progress on B.C.'s waitlist size. This progress is a result of keeping up with surgeries continuously added while also making progress on the patients already waiting. The surgical impacts of COVID-19 began to be felt in March 2020, when all non-urgent scheduled surgery was postponed between March 16 and May 18, 2020. The B.C. waitlist size peaked on May 28, 2020.

Total Waitlist

The waitlist size at the end of this reporting period was 89,274 cases – a decrease of 4,562 since March 2020.

Total Surgical Waitlist Size^{1,2}

Health Authority	Waitlist Size 2019-20	Waitlist Size 2022-23	% of 2019-20 Waitlist Size
Fraser Health	26,961	20,180	74.8%
Interior Health	15,614	16,052	102.8%
Island Health	19,655	18,437	93.8%
Northern Health	4,419	6,981	158.0%
PHSA	2,400	4,486	186.9%
Vancouver Coastal Health	24,787	23,138	93.3%
B.C. TOTAL	93,836	89,274	95.1%

¹ Data source: Ministry of Health. Surgical Wait Times Standard Report 2022-23 P13.

² Total cases waiting at a point in time.

In this case, the waitlist size for 2019-20 and 2022-23 are being compared at the end of fiscal period 13 (March 31, 2023).

Increasing Surgeries

All health authorities are implementing the additional surgical capacity required to recover lost surgeries and meet the needs of patients for whom surgery has been identified as necessary. Capacity is being increased beyond the 2019-20 pre-COVID-19 surgical activity by extending weekday and weekend operating room hours, expanding summer capacity and reducing seasonal slowdowns, improving operating room efficiency, opening new and unused operating rooms, and contracting private surgical centres.

When we launched our Commitment to Surgical Renewal in May 2020, we noted that our targets and timelines were highly vulnerable to external forces — like further waves and extreme weather — over which we would have much less control.

Extending Operating Room Hours

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, health authorities collectively achieved a 5% increase in operating room hours over the same timeframe in 2019-20, gaining 31,219 operating room hours.

Total Operating Room Hours^{1,2}

Health Authority	Total Hours 2019-20 ⁴	Total Hours 2022-23 ⁵	% of 2019-20 Surgical OR Hours
Fraser Health	145,221	157,764	109%
Interior Health	102,670	115,066	112%
Island Health	115,963	121,561	105%
Northern Health ³	18,199	17,183	94%
PHSA	28,720	28,673	100%
Vancouver Coastal Health	171,543	173,287	101%
B.C. TOTAL	582,315	613,534	105%

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Progress on Capacity Increases

Health authorities have continued to make progress implementing initiatives to increase operating room time and capacity.

The 41 initiatives¹ for the 2022-23 fiscal year included the following:

- Fraser Health opened an additional OR at Surrey Memorial Hospital and reduced Spring Break slowdowns at multiple sites;
- Interior Health opened two additional ORs at Royal Inland Hospital;
- Island Health opened an additional OR at Comox Valley Hospital and added additional cataract slates at Cowichan District Hospital;
- Northern Health opened an unused operating room at Bulkley Valley District Hospital;
- PHSA expanded their ability to offer gynecology daycare surgeries at BC Women’s Hospital; and,
- Vancouver Coastal Health opened two additional ORs at Vancouver General Hospital.
- Of the 41 initiatives ultimately delivered for the 2022-23 fiscal year, 17 are ongoing, 20 are complete, and four are paused or not started. This achievement represents the collective efforts of each health authority and a commitment to ensure that operating room hours continue to increase in the coming years. Initiatives range in terms of their overall impact but, small or large, each contributes to expanding surgical capacity in B.C.

Health Authority Capacity Increase Initiatives (41 Initiatives)

Initiatives Implemented Between April 1, 2022 - January 5, 2023			
HA	Month Implemented	Initiative Description	Status
FHA	June 2022	Chilliwack General Hospital planned to reduce summer slowdowns	Paused
	July 2022	Abbotsford Regional Hospital reduced summer slowdowns.	Completed
		Burnaby Hospital reduced summer slowdowns.	Completed
		Eagle Ridge Hospital reduced summer slowdowns.	Completed
		Jim Pattison reduced summer slowdowns.	Completed
		Langley Memorial Hospital reduced summer slowdowns.	Completed
		Peace Arch Hospital reduced summer slowdowns.	Completed
		Royal Columbian Hospital reduced summer slowdowns.	Completed
		Ridge Meadows Hospital opens an unused OR, adding 7.5 hours per week.	Ongoing
		Surrey Memorial Hospital reduced summer slowdowns.	Completed

¹ In December 2022, the new initiatives for 2022-23 were reported as 43. After reviewing with the health authorities, two of these initiatives were found to be counted twice. This has now been updated to reflect the revised count of 41 initiatives.

Initiatives Implemented Between April 1, 2022 - January 5, 2023			
HA	Month Implemented	Initiative Description	Status
HA	October 2022	Surrey Memorial Hospital added 1 ophthalmology slate per weekend adding 7.5 OR hours per week.	Ongoing
		Ridge Meadows Hospital extended weekdays adding 5 OR hours per week.	Ongoing
		Langley Memorial Hospital added weekend OR hours for unscheduled cases adding 7.5 OR hours per week.	Ongoing
	January 2023	Surrey Memorial Hospital plans to open a new/unused OR, adding 37.5 hours per week.	Ongoing
	February 2023	Royal Columbian Hospital plans to open a new/unused OR, adding 15 hours a week.	Ongoing
	Mach 2023	Abbotsford Regional Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns.	Completed
		Burnaby Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns.	Completed
		Chilliwack General Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns, adding 37.5 hours a week.	Completed
		Eagle Ridge Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns.	Completed
		Jim Pattison Outpatient plans to reduce spring break slowdowns, adding 75 hours.	Completed
		Langley Memorial Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns, adding 150 hours.	Completed
		Peace Arch Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns.	Completed
		Royal Columbian Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns.	Completed
		Ridge Meadows Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns.	Completed
		Surrey Memorial Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns, adding 75 hours.	Completed
IHA	April 2022	Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital opens a new/unused OR adding up to 392 OR hours.	Ongoing
	October 2022	Royal Inland Hospital opened an additional OR as part of the Gaglardi Tower Expansion, adding up to 1,200 OR hours.	Ongoing
	January 2023	Royal Inland Hospital plans to open an additional OR, 5 days per week	Ongoing
	April 2023	Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital plans to open a new/unused OR, adding 18 hours per week.	Not Yet Started
		Kelowna General Hospital plans to open a new/unused OR, adding 37.5 hours a week.	Not Yet Started
		Kelowna General Hospital plans to open a new/unused OR, adding 37.5 hours a week.	Not Yet Started
VCHA	April 2022	Vancouver General Hospital opened 2 planned ORs in April and an additional 4 OR hours in September (running 24 ORs).	Ongoing
	September 2022	Mount Saint Joseph – Procedure Room added weekend OR hours from September to December 2022.	Completed

Initiatives Implemented Between April 1, 2022 - January 5, 2023			
HA	Month Implemented	Initiative Description	Status
	March 2023	Lions Gate Hospital plans to add weekend OR hours, adding 8 hours per week.	Ongoing
		Lions Gate Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns, adding 92.5 hours.	Ongoing
		University of British Columbia Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns.	Completed
		Vancouver General Hospital plans to reduce spring break slowdowns, adding 95 hours.	Ongoing
VIHA	September 2022	Cowichan District Hospital opened additional cataract slates adding 7.5 OR hours per week.	Ongoing
	October 2022	Comox Valley Hospital opened an additional OR adding up to 37.5 hours of OR time per week.	Ongoing
		Saanich Peninsula Hospital opened an additional OR adding up to 15 hours of OR time per week.	Ongoing
	January 2023	Nanaimo Regional General Hospital opens a new/unused OR adding up to 50 OR hours per week.	Ongoing - Currently running at an average of 42.5 hours per week (not running late - only to 15:30). Started September 30, 2020

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, these initiatives helped B.C. health authorities collectively achieve a 5% increase in scheduled operating room hours over the same timeframe in 2019-20 — a gain of 20,279 scheduled operating room hours.

Scheduled Operating Room Hours^{1,2}

Health Authority	Scheduled OR Hours 2019-20 ⁴	Scheduled OR Hours 2022-23 ⁵	% of 2019-20 OR Hours
Fraser Health	100,359	108,304	108%
Interior Health	73,692	83,692	114%
Island Health	82,218	86,529	105%
Northern Health ³	11,933	10,712	90%
PHSA	22,029	22,190	101%
Vancouver Coastal Health	125,772	124,856	99%
B.C. TOTAL	416,004	436,283	105%

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Operating Room Hours by Surgical Division

Under surgical renewal, the immediate focus shifted to addressing postponed, urgent, and long waiting cases. To respond to these priorities, the allocation of operating room hours also shifted. General surgery, neurosurgery, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, ENT, plastic, urology, and vascular surgeries are all seeing additional hours performed this reporting period compared to the same timeframe in 2019-20.

Total Operating Room Hours by Division^{1,2,3}

British Columbia	OR Hours 2019-20 ⁴	OR Hours 2022-23 ⁵	% of 2019-20 OR Hours
Cardiac	29,527	28,920	98%
Dentistry/Oral	15,462	15,287	99%
General	114,077	120,141	105%
Neurosurgery	27,970	30,263	108%
Obstetrics & Gynecology	73,379	80,869	110%
Ophthalmology	44,436	50,281	113%
Orthopedics	133,972	136,876	102%
Otolaryngology (ENT)	28,710	31,314	109%
Plastic	33,659	35,016	104%
Thoracic	8,796	8,399	95%
Urology	46,005	49,563	108%
Vascular	20,396	20,712	102%
Other	5,927	5,893	99%
B.C. TOTAL	582,315	613,534	105%

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³ Total OR hours may differ slightly by division due to restatements.

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Increasing Essential Personnel

Training

In 2021-22, health authorities met the goal set in 2019-20 of training an additional 400 surgical specialty nursing and 100 medical device reprocessing technicians. Health authorities added staff primarily through training.

Health authorities continue to prioritize training new staff. Since April 1, 2022, 344 surgical specialty nurses completed their training. This brings the total number of surgical nurses trained since April 2020 to 962.

Recruitment

Since April 2020, we have added net new health care staff to surgical services across B.C., including: 209 surgeons, 134 anesthesiologists, 322 perioperative nurses, 7 General Physician/Family Physician anesthesiologists, and 76 medical device reprocessing technicians. In December 2022, the net new GP/FP anesthesiologists were reported as 80. This reflected the total number of GP/FP anesthesiologists working in the province at the time, not the net new count. This has now been updated to reflect the net new count.

We will continue to expand the surgical services workforce to ensure high quality care in British Columbia.

Conclusion

The Surgical Renewal Commitment is B.C.'s undertaking to deliver surgeries that were postponed or not scheduled due to COVID-19, to deliver surgeries fastest to those who need them most, and to change the way surgeries are delivered in B.C. This 2022-23 Year-End Progress Report shows the strength of that commitment, and the dedicated efforts by all in our health-care system to deliver on its promise.

