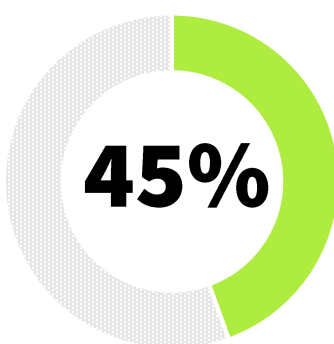


How Long are Nova Scotians Waiting?



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 2017 and March 2018

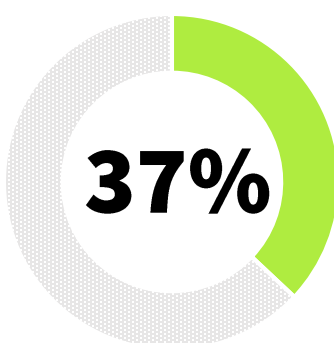


of Nova Scotians had a hip or knee replacement procedure within 182 days

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



Between April 2017 and March 2018



of Nova Scotians had a hip or knee replacement procedure within the wait time for their priority level

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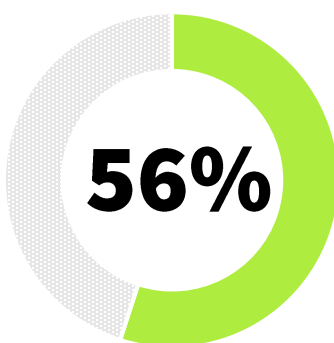


50% of people had their procedure within 212 days



90% of people had their procedure within 657 days

As of March 31, 2018



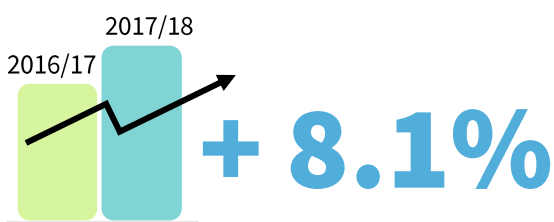
of Nova Scotians waiting for a hip or knee replacement had been waiting less than 182 days



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



Increase in the number of hip and knee replacements performed in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17

Building Capacity

Our plan will add

4 Surgeons
60+ Other supportive providers

to better support and care for patients. We are also investing in new technology and optimizing the way we use our operating rooms.

Supporting Wellness

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

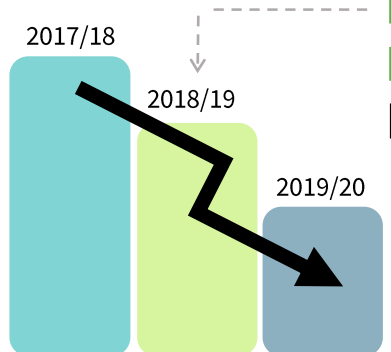


A new wellness model will also improve care for patients following their surgery, helping them mobilize quickly for the best results possible.

Reducing the Wait List



Nova Scotians are on the wait list for joint replacement surgery compared to 2016/17



Our action plan targets reducing the wait list by 22% in 2018/19, and by 43% in 2019/20

Looking Ahead

Our priority is clearing those patients off our wait lists who have been waiting the longest. This means it will take some time for our reported wait times to improve. Our goal is to achieve the national benchmark of 182 days by April 2020.

