


# Same-Day Surgical Postponements



Year to Date Performance	<b>1.3%</b>	Performance Assessment	 <b>Green</b>
Island Health Target	<b>Less than or equal to 1.4%</b>	Performance is within the acceptable range; continue to monitor.	

### What do we measure and why?

The timeliness of treatment is vital to patients. Postponing a patient's surgery on the same day they are scheduled for surgery is distressing to a patient. The reduction of wait times and waitlists is an Island Health priority.

Postponing a surgery on the day can be due to a variety of reasons, including patient criteria not being fully met, staffing availability, hospital/site capacity, and unanticipated scheduling issues (e.g., more urgent/emergent surgeries,).

### What is the target?

Island Health's target for Same-Day Surgical Postponements is 1.4% or lower.

Lower rates are better.

### How are we doing?

As of November 2024, Island Health was meeting the target.

### What actions are we taking?

Targeted initiatives to improve surgical flow are in place at some of the larger hospital sites.