



Pediatric Surgical Chiefs of Canada

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State of Pediatric Surgical Wait Times Across the Country

*You can't manage
what you can't
measure*

- Jan 2005
 - Lack of accurate wait time information
 - Inconsistent methods of prioritizing patients
 - Little information sharing across PAHSCs
- Sep 2005: Development of Access Targets in Ontario
- Feb 2006: National meeting surgeons/administrators



State of Pediatric Surgical Wait Times Across the Country (cont'd)

- April 2006: Report on Wait Times
 - *“Addressing wait times for children’s clinical and surgical interventions is therefore a moral responsibility – a trust responsibility that needs to be shared by society at large.”*
- Dr. Brian Postl
Former Federal Advisor on Wait Times
- Aug 2006: Communication strategy to across the country.
- Jan 2007: Announcement of the NPSWT pilot project by Prime Minister Stephen Harper.
- Mar 2007: National meeting and launch of the project.

National Pediatric Surgical Wait Time Pilot Project

- Develop a pan-Canadian system to measure surgical wait times for Canada's children

- Focus on addressing surgical waits in six key areas:
 - Cardiac surgery
 - Cancer surgery
 - Neurosurgery
 - Dental surgery requiring GA
 - Scoliosis surgery
 - Strabismus surgery



Project Goals

- Two project streams
 - Develop wait time information system
 - Clinical recourse planning and testing
- Develop system to capture national data
- Provide data to PSCC & PAHSCs
- Identify and evaluate current clinical recourse pathways
- Develop and test pan-Canadian recourse plan in one of six targeted areas
- Identify and propose action steps to address national system gaps
- Submit recommendations to Government

Project Timeline

- Phase I: Survey of clinical recourse pathways
Completed - April 2007
- Phase II: Retrospective wait time data collection of completed cases
Completed - July 2007
- Phase III: Proactive wait time data collection of wait listed and completed cases
In Progress
- Phase IV: Applying clinical recourse pathways in one area
Beginning – Jan 2008

* * * **Accomplishments to Date** * * *

- Strong collaboration and outstanding progress among all 16 PAHSC's
 - Individual Site commitments at all 16 centres
 - Dedicated team at the National Office
- On-track and within the budget
- Retrospective wait time data collected and analyzed for all 16 PAHSC's
 - The information will be used to select one out of six areas to pilot a wait time guarantee based on a new clinical recourse plan.
- September 2007 all new and closed surgical cases in the six key areas are to be assessed and those with beyond target waiting times are to be identified.

Health Canada Feedback

The National Pediatric Surgical Wait Time Project is viewed as a model project.



So a big thank you to everyone who helped get this initiative off the ground!



Other PSCC Projects and Initiatives

- Hospital Quality Measures
 - Project Lead: Dr. Astrid Guttman
 - Research Coordinator being recruited
 - PSCC participation on expert panel to be convened in January, 2008.

- Compensation Study of Canadian Pediatric Surgical Specialists.
 - Project to be conducted by Mercer Human Resources
 - 9 Pediatric Health Centers participating across 8 surgical disciplines

PSCC Key Priorities

- ❑ Advocate for improving the health of Canadian children and youth who are in need of surgical care.
- ❑ Facilitate dialogue, promote synergies, and offer guidance on common issues affecting the practice of Pediatric Surgery in Canada.
- ❑ Foster and promote scholarly partnerships across Canadian pediatric academic health centers.
- ❑ Establish a common voice when communicating with the public and media on matters relating to access and delivery of Pediatric Surgical services in Canada.
- ❑ Take a leadership role in human resources studies and planning relating to the recruitment, retention, and compensation in all disciplines of Pediatric Surgery.