Wait Time Information - Lung Cancer Surgery

**Q: What is Cancer Surgery?**
Cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the body in the treatment of cancer.

**Q: Who goes on a wait list?**
Anyone who needs a treatment that has a wait list is placed on the list, unless it is an emergency. Emergency patients are treated as quickly as possible.

**Q: What is Lung Cancer Surgery?**
Lung cancer surgery is an operation to repair or remove part of the group of cancers found in the lung region.

**Q: Where will I be referred to have this surgery?**
Ask your doctor/specialist where you can have your cancer surgery done, as these procedures are performed in the following hospitals:

- **Eastern Health**
  - General Hospital - Health Sciences Centre - St. John's
  - St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital - St. John’s

**Q: How are wait times measured?**
For this operation, the wait time is measured from when you and your surgeon decide to proceed with surgery for the confirmed cancer to when the procedure is completed.

**Q: What is the benchmark wait time for cancer surgery?**
There is no national benchmark for this surgical procedure.

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