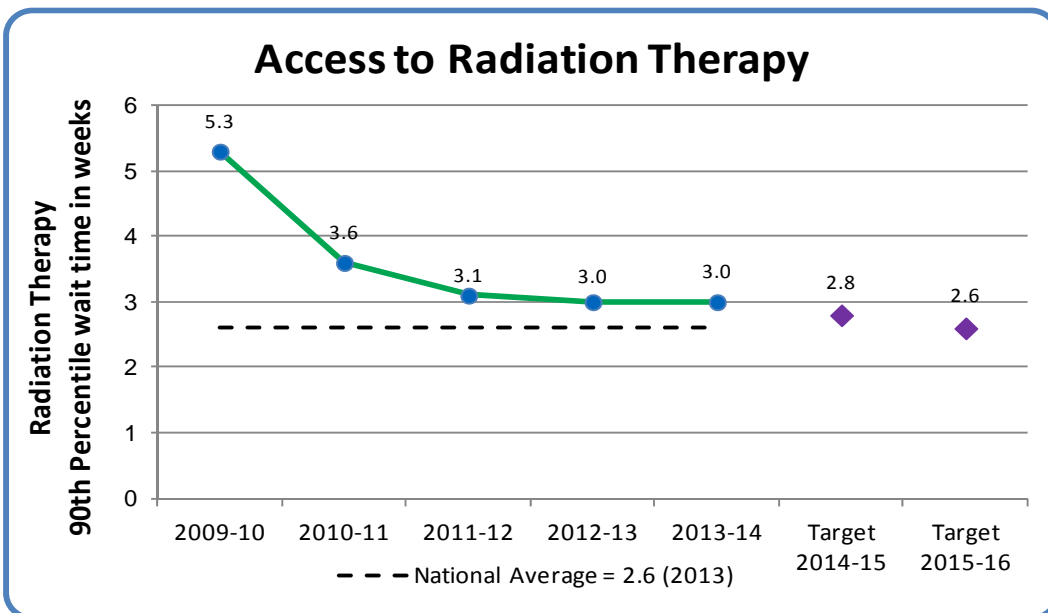


Access to Radiation Therapy – Provincial Details

See below for additional zone / site details where available.



Measure Definition

Access to Radiation Therapy: 90 per cent of patients wait for radiation therapy this length of time or less (measured from when they are ready to treat).

This measure is the time from the date the patient was physically ready to commence treatment, to the date that the patient received his/her first radiation therapy.

Understanding this Measure

Timely access to radiation therapy for cancer diagnosis can impact treatment effectiveness and outcomes. Currently, this data is reported on patients who receive radiation therapy at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary, and the Jack Ady Cancer Centre in Lethbridge. Data from 2013-14 will include the new Central Alberta Cancer Centre. The data applies only to patients receiving external beam radiation therapy.

2014-15 Actions:

- Implement operational improvement initiatives at each of the Tertiary and Associate Cancer Centres to optimize the use of health professionals and resources with the goal of improving patients' access to care.
- Lead an interprovincial collaborative for the purchase of Linacs (radiation treatment units) to optimize buying power and strengthen related services and support from equipment vendors.

Access to Radiation Therapy – Zone Details

90 per cent of patients wait (weeks) for radiation therapy this length of time or less (measured from when they are ready to treat). This measure is the time from the date the patient was physically ready to commence treatment, to the date that the patient received his/her first radiation therapy.

Zone (Weeks)	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 Target	2015-16 Target
Provincial	5.3	3.6	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.6
South	Opened Oct. 2010	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
Calgary	4.6	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.7
Central	Cancer Centre opened November 2013				3.9	n/a	n/a
Edmonton	5.7	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.6
North	Grande Prairie Cancer Centre scheduled to open in 2017						

Note: n/a indicates where targets are yet to be developed.

Access to Radiation Therapy – Site Details

90 per cent of patients wait (weeks) for radiation therapy this length of time or less (measured from when they are ready to treat). This measure is the time from the date the patient was physically ready to commence treatment, to the date that the patient received his/her first radiation therapy.

Access to Radiation Therapy (Weeks)	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 Target	2015-16 Target
Provincial	5.3	3.6	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.6
South Zone Total	Opened	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
Jack Ady Cancer Centre	Oct. 2010	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
Calgary Zone Total	4.6	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.7
Tom Baker Cancer Centre	4.6	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.7
Central Zone Total	Central Alberta Cancer Centre				3.9	n/a	n/a
Central Alberta Cancer Centre	opened November 2013				3.9	n/a	n/a
Edmonton Zone Total	5.7	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.6
Cross Cancer Institute	5.7	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.6
North Zone Total	Grande Prairie Cancer Centre scheduled to open in 2017						