

**IMPROVING ACCESS TO PAEDIATRIC SURGERIES**

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Through the Local Health Integration Networks the government will invest \$7.2 million under the Ontario Paediatric Wait Time Strategy to further help improve access to care for children by providing 4,242 additional paediatric surgeries at 29 hospitals in Ontario in 2008/09. These surgical procedures were identified by the Paediatric Action Committee as provincial priorities as a result of the significant wait times associated with them and include:

- 2,512 additional Dental/Oral surgeries
- 626 additional Ophthalmology surgeries (eyes)
- 112 additional Plastic surgeries
- 256 additional Urology surgeries (kidneys and urinary tract)
- 65 additional Orthopaedic surgeries (bone and joint)
- 671 additional Otolaryngology surgeries (ear, nose and throat)

Ontario is the first province to publicly report paediatric wait times for all 10 surgical subspecialties. This reporting process is an important step toward measuring wait times and identifying opportunities for improving access to health services across the province. Ontario's five Paediatric Academic Health Science Centres voluntarily submit data on paediatric surgical wait times and are available online at <http://www.ontariowaittimes.com>.

**PROVINCIAL PAEDIATRIC WAIT TIMES ANALYSIS BY SUBSPECIALTY**

July 2008	9 out of 10 Patients Treated Within (Days)
Cardiovascular Surgery	85
General Surgery	126
Gynecology	76
Neurosurgery	93
Ophthalmology	274
Dental/Oral Surgery	318
Orthopedic Surgery	240
Otolaryngology	178
Plastic Surgery	311
Urology	238
<b>ALL SERVICES</b>	<b>223</b>

**UNDERSTANDING THE DATA****9 out of 10 Patients Treated Within (Days)**

This is the point at which 90% of the patients received their treatment.

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