



- For the **top 15 day** surgeries, all surgeries took less than 1.5 hours. The most common day surgery was cataract removal.
- Almost all inpatient and day surgeries happened on weekdays: 98% of inpatient and 99% of day procedures.
- Similarly, most surgeries started between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., with less than 2% starting outside that period.

- There are 2 general settings for surgeries:
 - **Inpatient** surgeries: Patients are admitted and spend at least one night in the hospital. These are typically more-complex surgeries.
 - **Day** surgeries: Patients come to the hospital or ambulatory care clinic for their surgical procedures and return home the same day.
- Surgeries performed in Quebec were excluded from the analysis as data for 2019–2020 was not available.
- Fetal and obstetrical interventions were excluded from the analysis as they are generally continuing during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Each jurisdiction defines day surgery differently. This affects the comparability of both day surgeries and inpatient surgeries between provinces/territories.

1. Angus H, Williams D, Anderson M. [Memorandum to O](#)