

# Median time to placement in long term care home

Resource for Indicator Standards (RIS)  
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## Indicator description

### RIS indicator name

Median time to placement in a long term care home (LTCH)

### Other names for this indicator

N/A

### Indicator description

Long term care home application procedures can be broken down into several phases:

1. Application to the facility's LHIN for eligibility assessment
2. Application to individual facilities upon LHIN approval
3. Assessment and acceptance to waitlist by individual facilities
4. Placement into a facility

Median time to placement is assessed from a client's initial application to final placement in a facility. This indicator can be stratified by priority category or location prior to placement.

### Accountability agreement(s) or ministry initiative(s) the indicator supports

- The Quarterly

## Numerator

### Data source

Client Profile (CPRO) Database

## Inclusion/exclusion criteria

### Includes:

1. Long stay clients;
2. Non-crisis clients.

### Excludes:

1. Transfer applications;
2. Facilities not active during reporting period.

## Calculation

### Steps:

1. Extract all placements within the reporting period.
2. Select first application for each facility to which a client is placed.
3. Select earliest of client consent data or client application date as start date.
4. Calculate median wait time (placement date – start date).

## Denominator

### Data source

N/A

### Inclusion/exclusion criteria

#### Includes:

N/A

#### Excludes:

N/A

### Calculation

#### Steps:

N/A

# Timing and geography

## Timing/frequency of release

**How often and when data are being released (e.g., be as specific as possible...data are released annually in mid-May)**

Data by fiscal year are available annually (usually by September); interim data are updated quarterly.

## Trending

### Years available for trending

Data are available as of 2012/13 fiscal year.

## Levels of comparability

### Levels of geography for comparison

Data are available at LHIN and facility level.

# Additional information

## Limitations

### Specific limitations

Due to updates in the CPRO database, results prior to 2012 are not considered reliable.

## Comments

### Additional information regarding the calculation, interpretation, data source, etc.

In 2016, CPRO was updated to a new system. However, data available includes both data from the old (Legacy) system and the new. When using CPRO, only records flagged as a part of the new system should be used.

Due to the low number of placements at facility level per quarter, when reported by quarter, this indicator has a reporting period of 24 months from the last day of the quarter of interest. (e.g. 2016 Q4 results assess all placements from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017).

## References

**Provide URLs of any key references (e.g., Diabetes in Canada, [http:// ...](#))**

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