

What It Means For Family Doctors

Family doctors will be able to help their patients get more timely surgical care under this program. Doctors will make the injured worker's referral to the WCB Nova Scotia. The WCB Nova Scotia reviews the request, and if appropriate forwards the form to the surgery office which will assess the patient's needs, schedule a consultation with a surgeon and schedule a surgical procedure when necessary.

Family doctors will be kept well informed throughout the process.

Quality Care, Faster

The WCB Nova Scotia is committed to eliminating workplace injuries in Nova Scotia. But if you do get injured on the job, the WCB Nova Scotia is there to help you recover and return to work. This new centralized approach to surgery will ensure injured workers receive quality care, faster.

Work is healthy and the best state for any worker is to be healthy, happy and on the job. If you have been hurt at work, it is important to receive timely healthcare treatment so that you can return to your regular life, and job, safely and as soon as possible.

For more information:

www.wcb.ns.ca

www.annapolisvalleyhealth.ca



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Getting You Back to Work Sooner

Centralized Surgical Services Program



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The Surgical Care You Need, Faster

While Nova Scotia is making good progress in reducing the number of people hurt on the job, each year thousands of people still suffer injuries, with some needing surgery.

To speed up care for injured workers returning to work, the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia (WCB) is partnering with the Annapolis Valley Health (AVH) to implement a new approach to managing and delivering this care by centralizing surgical services.

What It Means For Injured Workers

The goal of these program improvements is to reduce wait times for surgical consultations and surgeries.

It will provide you with the care you need, while supporting your return to work in a safe and timely way.

How It Works

If your family physician feels surgery is required, he or she will complete and forward a referral form to the WCB Nova Scotia to request a surgical consultation.

Then the WCB Nova Scotia will review, and if appropriate, send your referral to the surgery program office to have your needs assessed and arrange for a consultation with a surgeon and, if necessary, the surgical procedure.

Sometimes workers may be required to travel to other parts of the province for treatment. Costs associated with this travel are covered by the WCB Nova Scotia.

In some cases, injured workers may require highly specialized surgical procedures. These will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and be referred to the appropriate surgical specialist.

Your Journey To Recovery And Returning To Work

