

VIEWPOINTS RESEARCH (N 604)

INTERVIEWER: ___ ___ ___ PHONE: (306) ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___

GENDER: Male 48.5% Female..... 51.5%

REGION Regina 18.4% Saskatoon 20.9% Other 60.8%

Over the last few years do you think that wait times for hospital care have increased, decreased or stayed about the same?

Increased	34.2%	
Decreased.....	22.7%	GOTO Q20
Stayed about the same.....	33.5%	GOTO Q20
Don't know / Refused.....	9.6%	GOTO Q20

Which of the following best describes where you get your information about wait times in health care? **READ LIST, CIRCLE ALL MENTIONS (n=177)**

Reports in the media	42.6%
Personal and family experience	81.6%
Information from government.....	13.0%
Reports from physicians and other health professionals.....	23.9%
DO NOT READ	
Other	2.1%
Don't know / Refused.....	0.6%

How would you prefer to see the government reduce surgical wait times –by expanding and improving services in hospitals, **ROTATE** or by paying for patients to receive services in private, for-profit surgical clinics?

Expand services in hospitals	75.1%
Pay for services in private for profit clinics.....	16.7%
Both / neither / depends	5.8%
Don't know / Refused.....	2.4%

The Saskatchewan government postponed construction of a public day surgery centre in Regina and instead decided to pay private-for-profit clinics to perform surgeries. Do you support or oppose the government's decision to fund surgeries in a private clinic instead of building a new public surgery centre? **IF APPROPRIATE** Would that be strongly or moderately support/oppose?

Strongly support.....	13.9%
Moderately support	21.9%
Moderately oppose.....	23.2%
Strongly oppose	31.3%
Don't know / Refused.....	9.7%

I am going to read you two statements about for-profit surgical clinics. Please tell me which view is closer to your own.

The government should not pay for procedures done in for-profit surgical clinics because it weakens our public health care system by taking money and health professionals from the public system.

ROTATE or...

The government should pay for surgeries in for-profit surgical clinics because it will reduce the surgical backlog in Saskatchewan.

Should <u>not</u> invest in for-profit clinics	48.1%
<u>Should</u> invest in for-profit clinics	43.5%
Both / neither.....	4.2%
Don't know / Refused.....	4.2%