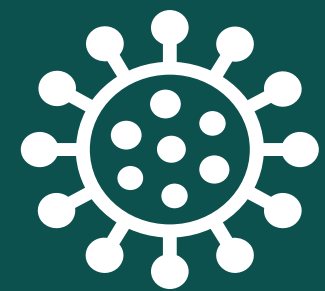


Delays in breast cancer surgery during the COVID-19 pandemic: A population-based analysis

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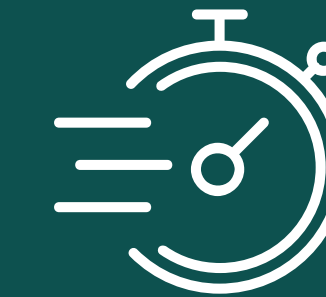
How did the COVID-19 pandemic affect surgical wait times for breast cancer at a population level?



Pre-COVID-19: January 2018 to March 14, 2020
COVID-19: March 15, 2020 – June 13, 2020
Peri-COVID-19: June 14, 2020 – November 2021



36,639 breast cancer patients
in Ontario, Canada



Time from diagnosis
to surgery

Surgery as first treatment



Chemotherapy as first treatment



• Despite operating room restrictions, wait times were shorter during the COVID-19 pandemic period, suggesting prioritization of breast cancer surgery.

• Further research is required to explore regional differences in volumes and surgical wait times based on COVID-19 hospitalization volumes.