AVAILABILITY



Over 80% of Primary Health Care Providers (PHCP) in Nova Scotia do NOT limit the number of issues per appointment. FAST FACT



A little more than half of providers in Nova Scotia (56%) allow same day drop-in appointments for their usual patients.





FAST FACT

As appointment wait times increase, visits to the ED by a provider's usual patients increase too.

WHEN URGENT APPOINTMENT WAIT TIMES EXTEND FROM SAME DAY TO 1-DAY, ED VISITS IN NS INCREASE BY 2%.
THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL 5.000 ED VISITS/YEAR!

IF LONGER APPOINTMENT WAIT TIMES LEAD TO MORE VISITS TO THE ED...

WE ASKED WHEN ARE THE NEXT AVAILABLE APPOINTMENTS?



URGENT (NOVA SCOTIA AVERAGE)

1.7\ DAYS

ROUTINE (NOVA SCOTIA AVERAGE)



AMONG PRACTICES WHO OFFER
APPOINTMENTS WITH AN ALTERNATE
PROVIDER IN THE PRACTICE,

HOW DO NEXT AVAILABLE APPOINTMENT WAIT TIMES CHANGE?



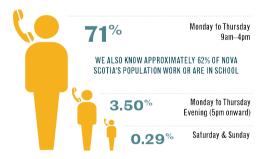
URGENT (NOVA SCOTIA AVERAGE)

1.4 DAYS

ROUTINE (NOVA SCOTIA AVERAGE)

6.7 DAYS

TIME & DAY
PERCENTAGE
OF PROVIDER
APPOINTMENTS
OFFERED BY
TIME/DAY



HOURS PER WEEK

HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK ARE NS PROVIDERS AVAILABLE TO SEE PATIENTS?







PRACTICE 2 22

2-20 hrs

20-35 hrs

35-59 hrs

PROVIDER SURVEY:

SURVEY:

1-25 hrs

24-40 hrs

40-72 hrs