Nova Scotia Coding Access Targets for Surgery – NSCATS
Orthopedic Surgery Prioritization Codes
Effective 2025

NAME	DESCRIPTION	NSCATS CODE	WAIT TIME TARGET – MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE	NOTES
KNEE ARTHROPLASTY	Severe Functional Impairment	L100	13 weeks	
	Moderate Functional Impairment	L101	26 weeks	
KNEE ARTHROPLASTY REVISION	Severe Functional Impairment	L102	13 weeks	
	Moderate Functional Impairment	L103	26 weeks	
KNEE ARTHROPLASTY PARTIAL	Severe Functional Impairment	L104	13 weeks	
	Moderate Functional Impairment	L105	26 weeks	
HIP ARTHROPLASTY	Severe Functional Impairment	L106	13 weeks	
	Moderate Functional Impairment	L107	26 weeks	
HIP ARTHROPLASTY REVISION	Severe Functional Impairment	L108	13 weeks	
	Moderate Functional Impairment	L109	26 weeks	
SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/ ARTHROPLASTY	Severe Functional Impairment	L110	13 weeks	
	Moderate Functional Impairment	L111	26 weeks	

HARDWARE REMOVAL	Hardware removal	**L112**	**52 weeks**	
KNEE SCOPE with ACL RECONSTRUCTION	Severe Functional Impairment	**L113**	**13 weeks**	
	Moderate Functional Impairment	**L114**	**26 weeks**	
CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE		**L115**	**13 weeks**	
FOOT/TOE ARTHRODESIS (FUSION)		**L116**	**13 weeks**	
REPAIR/RECONSTRUCTION LIGAMENT/TENDON/MUSCLE/FASCIA		**L117**	**6 weeks**	
EXCISION BONE/EXOSTOSIS	Suspected malignancy – soft tissue or bone – for biopsy	**L118**	**1 week**	
	Primary sarcoma – soft tissue or bone – definitive treatment	**L119**	**3 weeks**	
	Secondary (metastatic) tumor of bone – incipient fracture	**L120**	**3 weeks**	
	Recurrent musculoskeletal sarcoma	**L121**	**3 weeks**	

	Benign aggressive lesion – soft tissue or bone – definitive treatment	L122	3 weeks	
	Benign lesion – soft tissue or bone – definitive treatment	L123	12 weeks	
	Post-surgical wound or implant care	L124	6 weeks	