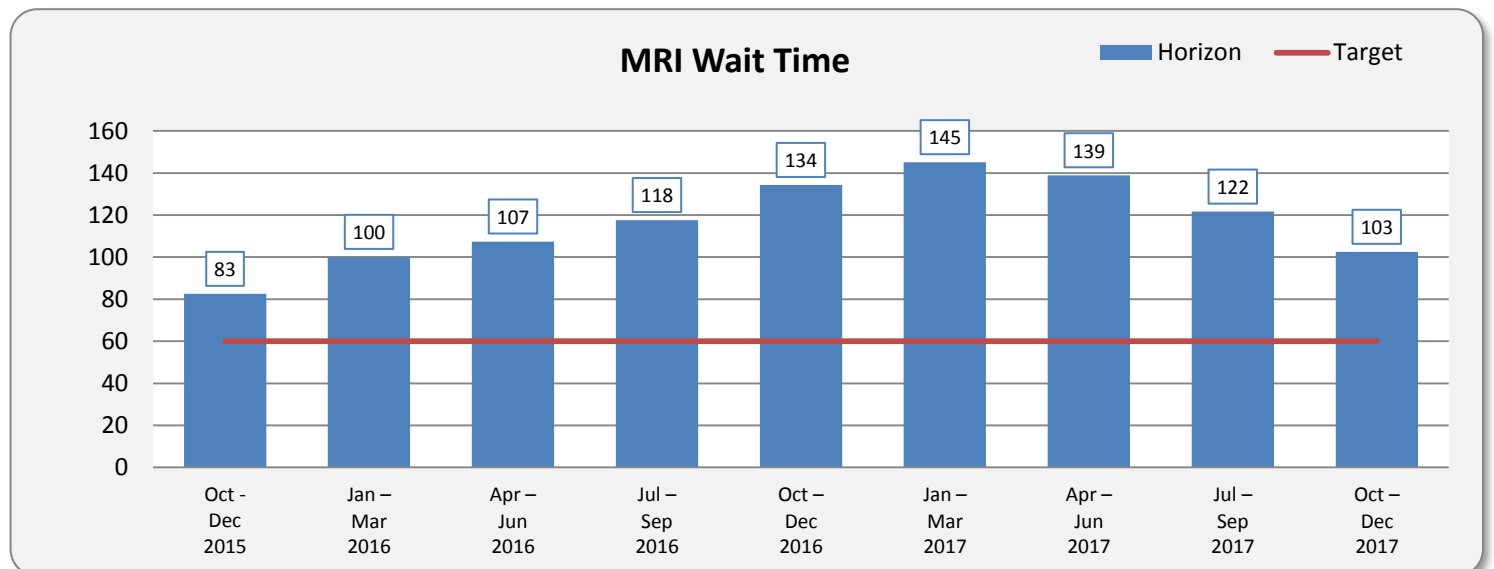
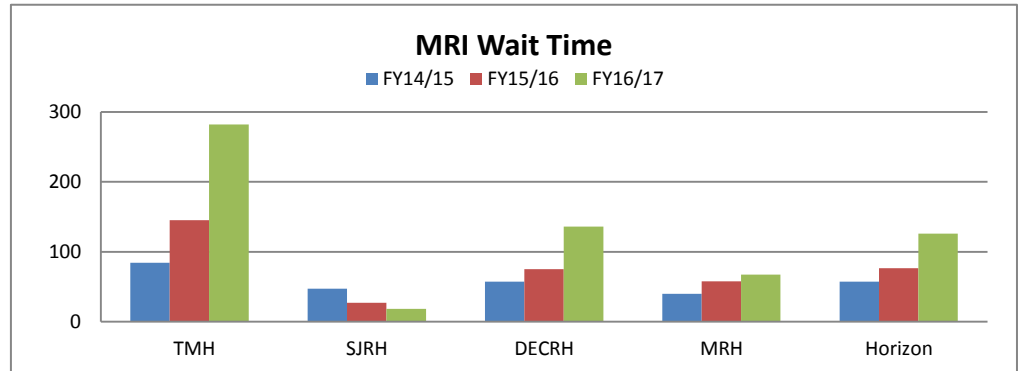


Like all Imaging modalities, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a key tool for practitioners to make a diagnosis and treatment plan. To allow that to happen in a timely way it is important to monitor the system's ability to provide MRI services relative to a national wait time standard. By monitoring this indicator we intend to constantly improve the system relative to the National standard of the Canadian Association of Radiology.

Definition: The average time in calendar days that patients wait for an MRI from the time the appointment is booked until the MRI is performed.

2017/18 Target: 60 days



Analysis: The increased demand for MRI has created challenges in meeting the targeted wait times. To help improve the situation many initiatives are currently underway including a collaboration with the NB Medical Society to advocate for Choosing Wisely, a campaign to reduce the ordering of MRI's that evidence indicates will not help with outcomes of particular conditions; communicating to Physicians the option of referring patients to other locations in the Province that may have shorter wait times to balance waits for all New Brunswickers; a collaborative project between the Moncton Hospital and the George Dumont Hospital to share the use of additional MRI time on one of the MRI's located at the George Dumont Hospital. There have already been some improvement but this challenge will continue and new initiatives will be considered for continuous improvement.