

# WHY WE NEED A QUALITY STANDARD FOR Hip Fracture in Ontario

Quality Standards

Every year, about **13,000 people** suffer from a fragility hip fracture—a break in the femur bone from low-energy trauma.

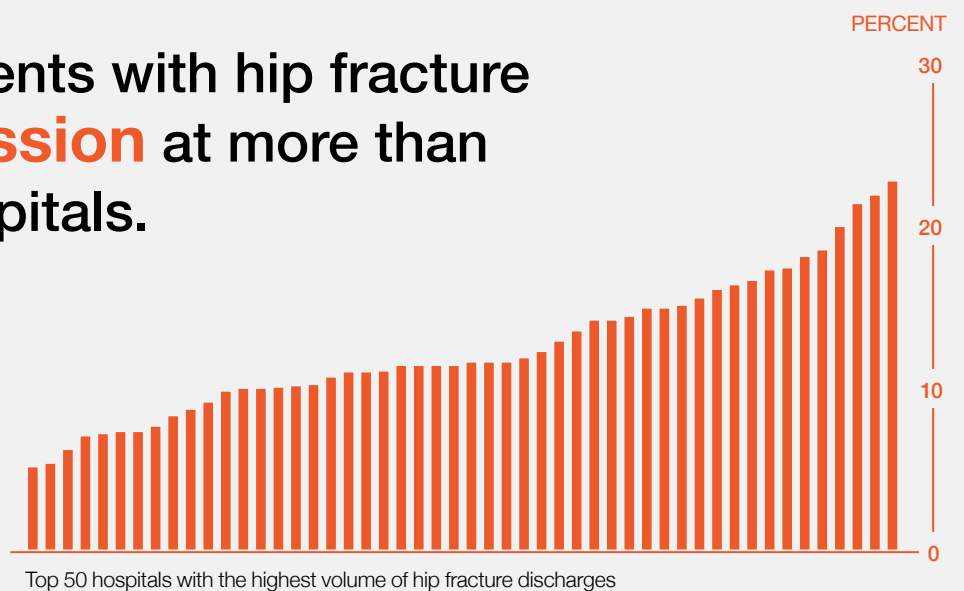
In 2015, **1 in 8 people** who had a fragility hip fracture in Ontario died within **90 days of admission to hospital**.



In some Ontario hospitals, patients with hip fracture **die within 90 days of admission** at more than four times the rate of other hospitals.

90-day mortality rates varied widely in 2015\*, ranging from:

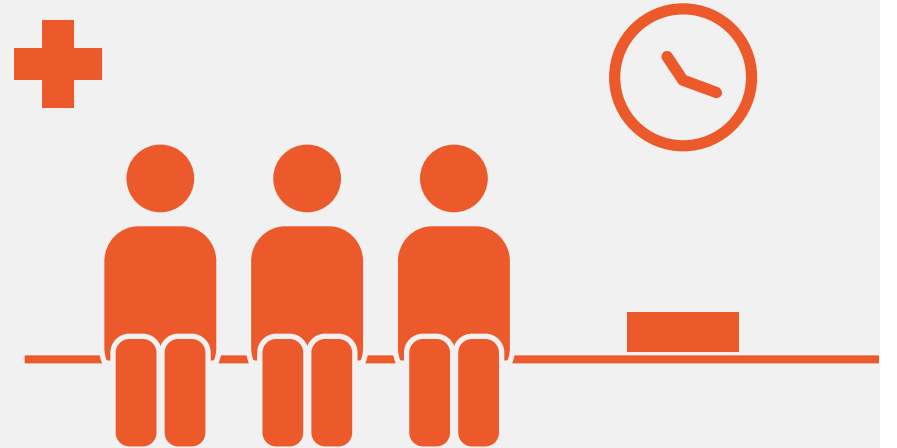
**5%–23%.**



Top 50 hospitals with the highest volume of hip fracture discharges

**Taking too much time before surgery** is associated with an increased risk of death.

The percentage of hip fracture patients who underwent **surgery within 48 hours** varied widely across Ontario hospitals in 2015/16, ranging from **55% to 96%**.



Overall, fewer patients are dying after experiencing a hip fracture, **but we can do more.**

90-DAY MORTALITY RATES:

**13.5%** in 2011  
**12.1%** in 2015



**Together, we can improve the quality of care for people with hip fractures.**

That's why Health Quality Ontario, in collaboration with clinical experts, patients, residents, and caregivers, has developed Quality Standards—outlining what quality care looks like.

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[hqontario.ca/qualitystandards](http://hqontario.ca/qualitystandards)

Reference: Health Quality Ontario. *Information and Data Brief: Hip Fracture*. Toronto: Queen's Printer for Ontario, 2017.  
\* Data sample of 50 Ontario hospitals with the highest volume of hip fracture discharges in 2015.

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