



At or better than target.
Continue to monitor.



Within 5% of target. Monitor
and take action as appropriate.



Below target by more than 5%.
Take action and monitor progress.



No target identified
or available.

WHAT IS BEING MEASURED?

The Surgical Safety Checklist Compliance rate is the percentage of surgeries for which the surgical safety checklist was performed. The checklist contains 26 tasks and checks that the Operating Room team carries out to ensure patient safety.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

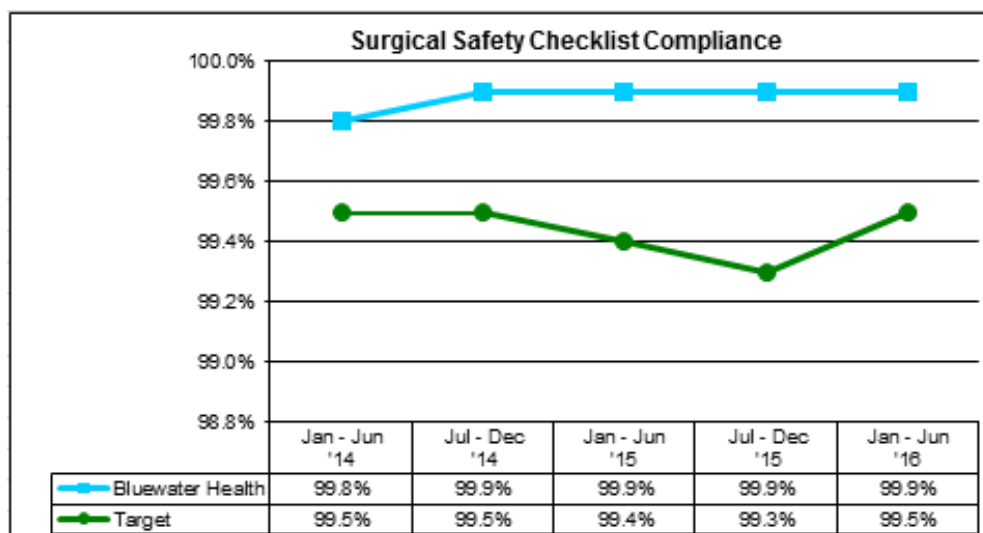
At Bluewater Health, safe and effective patient care is the highest priority to ensure excellent outcomes for patients who undergo surgery. Consistent use of the Surgical Safety Checklist has been shown to reduce the rates of death and complications associated with having surgery. It also supports patient care through improved preparation and teamwork in the operating room.

WHAT IS THE TARGET?

Bluewater Health aims to remain at or above the provincial rate, which is just over 99%.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Bluewater Health has demonstrated compliance rates that are better than the provincial rate.



Preferred trend/
direction



WHAT ACTIONS ARE WE TAKING?

In order to maintain our high performance, we take the following steps:

- Inform patients at the Pre-Admit Surgical Clinic about the checklist and what can be expected in the Operating Room, including their role in the process.
- Use a modified tool in other surgical program areas to reinforce the practice and discipline of using the checklist.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MEASURE?

- Health Quality Ontario [see website](#)
- [Contact us](#)

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