


Year to Date Performance	91	Performance Assessment	 Green
Island Health Target	Less than or equal to 96	Performance is within the acceptable range, continue to monitor.	

What do we measure and why?

Hospital Standardized Mortality Ratio (HSMR) is used to assess the number of deaths that occur in acute care hospitals.

The ratio compares the actual number of deaths with the expected number of deaths [(observed deaths/expected deaths) x 100]. The expected number of deaths is based on deaths that occur in hospitals across Canada.

The HSMR adjusts for factors that affect in-hospital mortality rates, such as patient age, sex, health condition, number of health conditions, length of time spent in hospital, and severity of illness at hospital admission.

Medical assistance in dying (MAID) cases are excluded from HSMR calculations.

What is the target?

The target for 2019/20 HSMR is 96 or less. (Rural hospitals are excluded from this measure due to small numbers and volatility.)

How are we doing?

Island Health is meeting the target.

What actions are we taking?

Island Health hospitals with an HSMR above the target undertake chart reviews to understand contributing factors.

In recent years, documentation and data collection have improved to capture information about circumstances that influence the HSMR.