

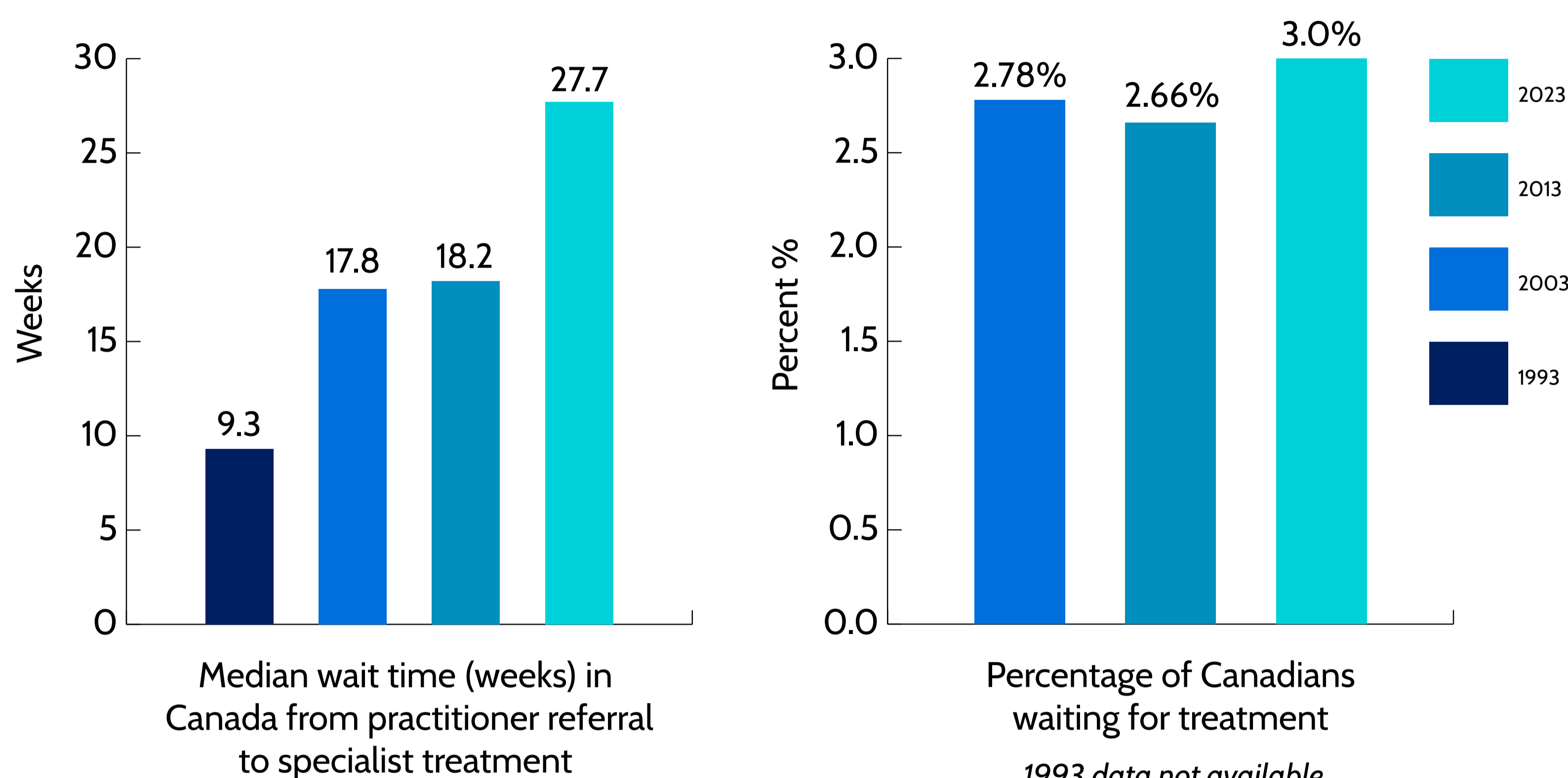


2023 Wait times for health care in Canada

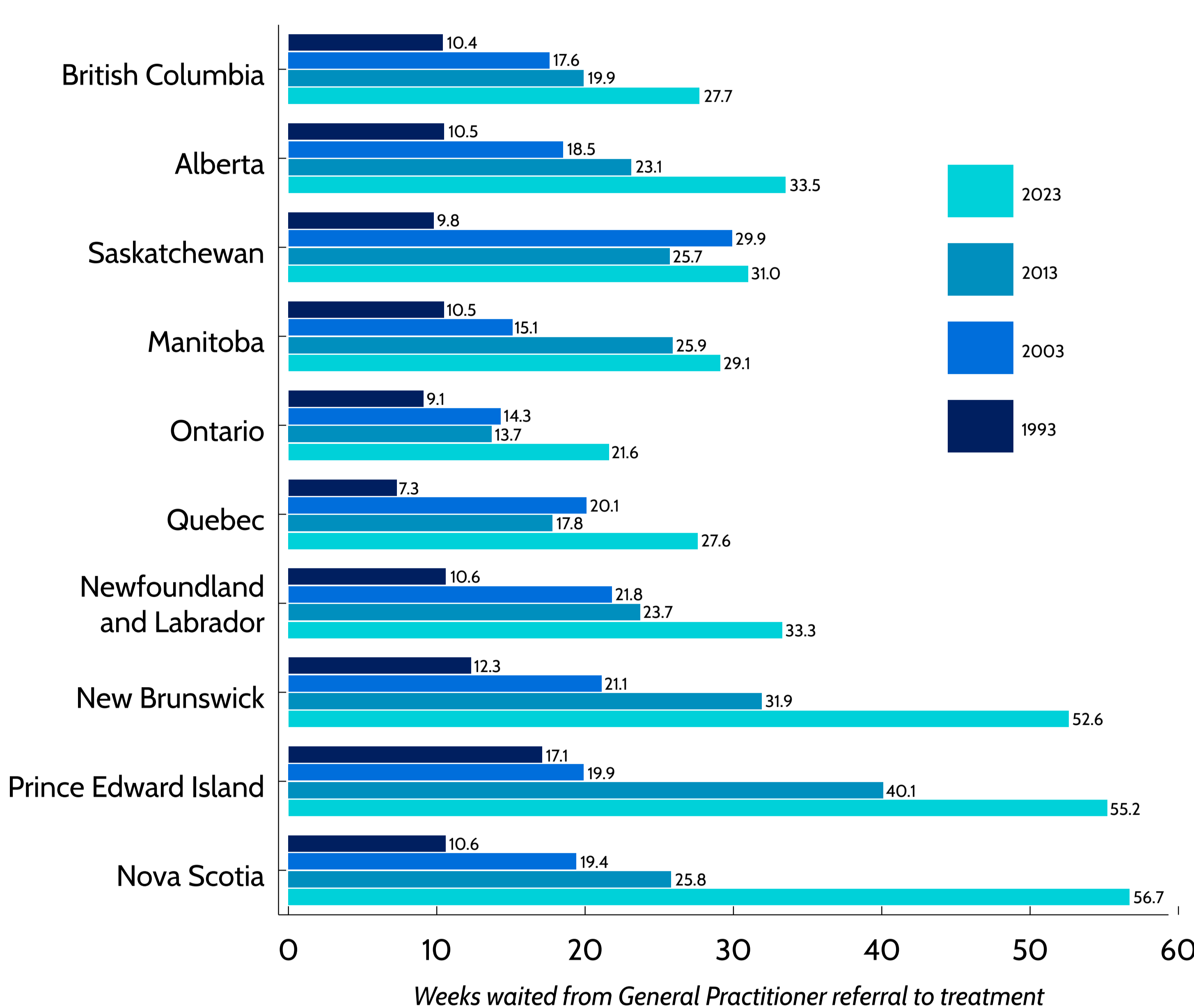
Comparing the last three decades

This year, we're taking a look at the past 30 years of health care wait times in Canada. The percentage of Canadians waiting for treatment has remained steady, yet the number of weeks waited has increased, leading to the conclusion that there are less specialists per capita than 20 years ago, or that the Canadian population is slowly becoming less healthy, or both.

Median wait times and percentage of Canadians waiting
1993, 2003, 2013, and 2023 comparison



Median wait times by Province
1993, 2003, 2013, and 2023 comparison

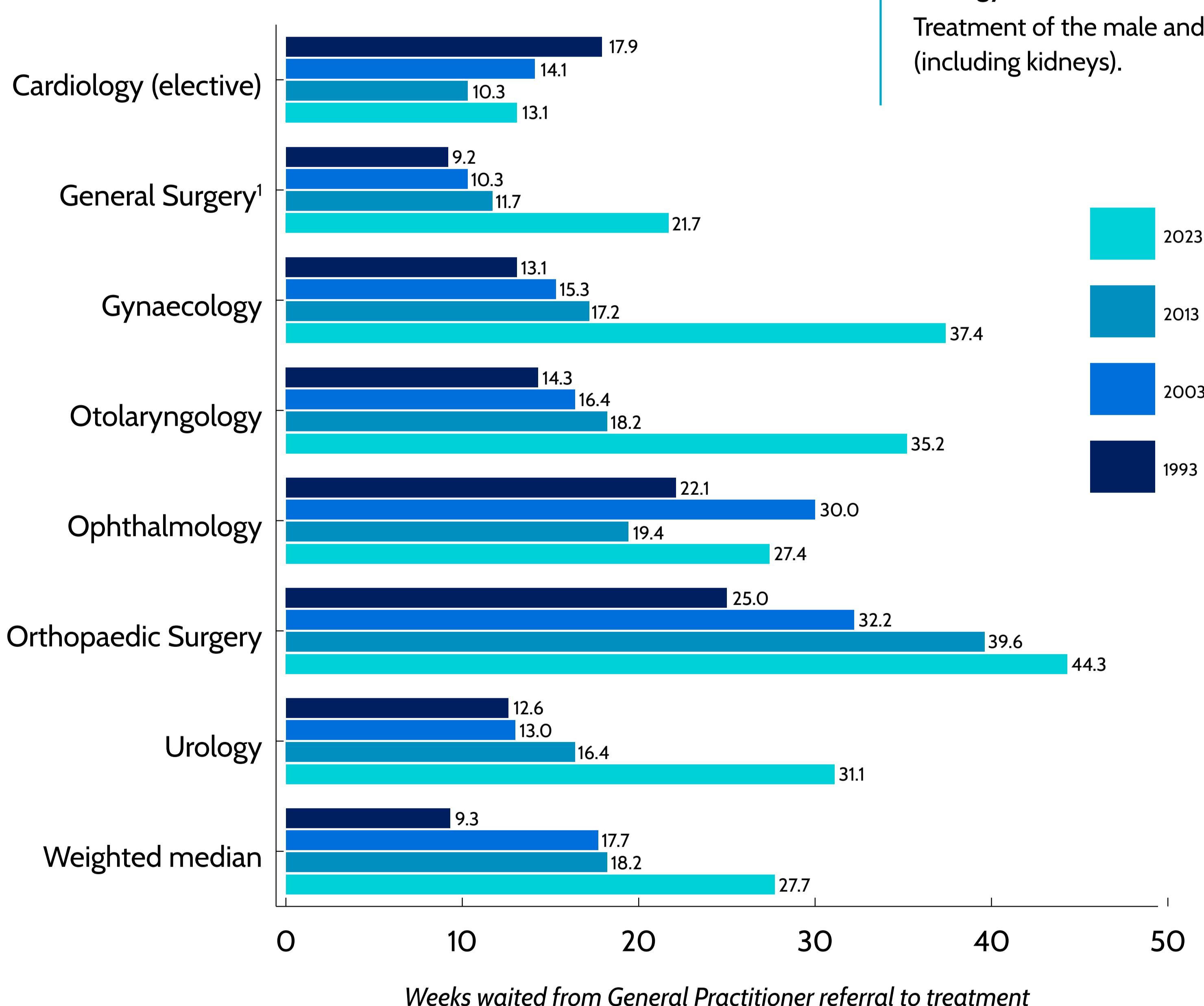


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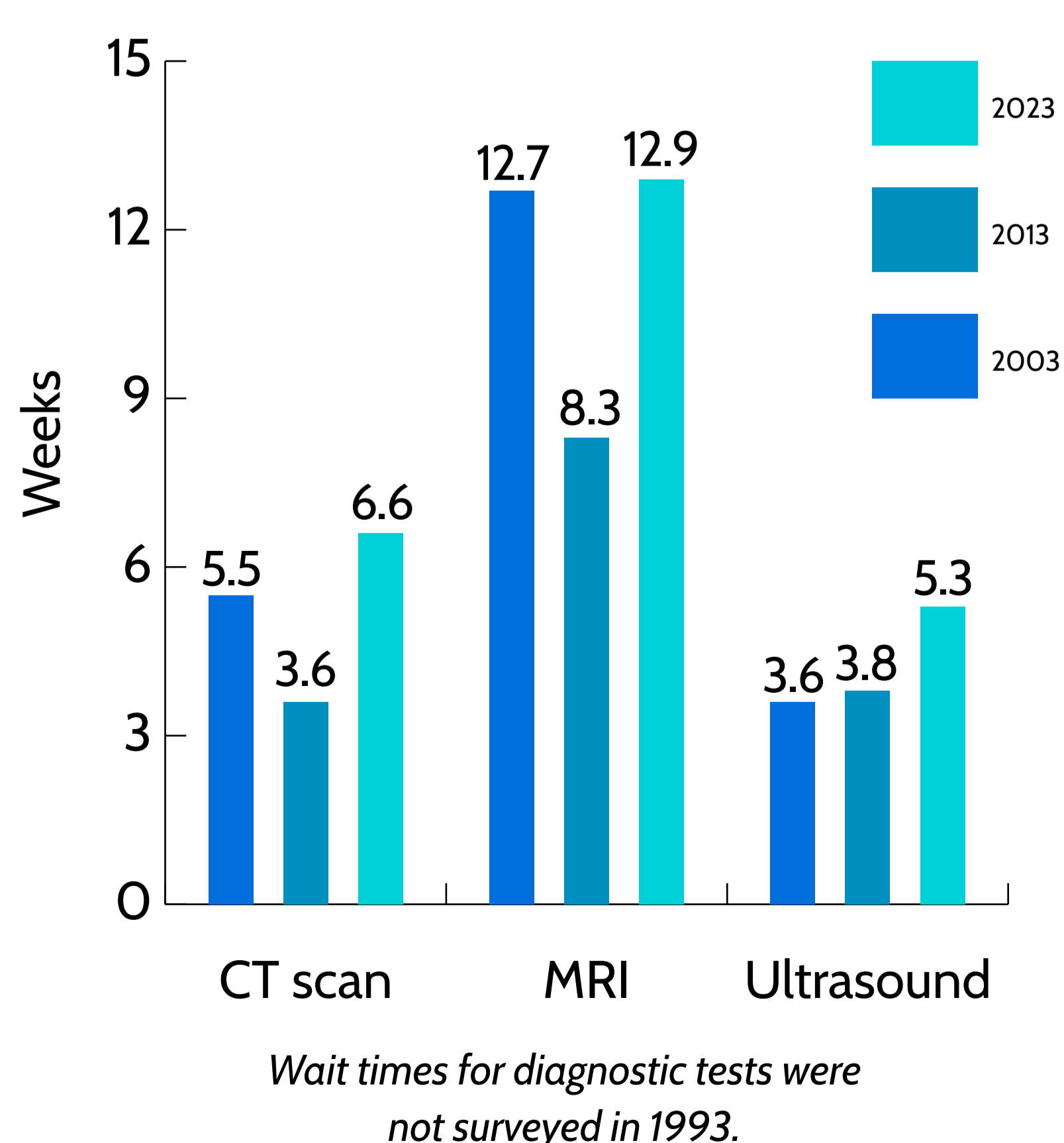
Specialties definitions

- Cardiology**
Study and treatment of disorders of the heart and blood vessels.
- General Surgery¹**
Surgical care for alimentary tract, abdomen, breast, skin, and soft tissue, and the endocrine system.
- Gynaecology**
Study and treatment of women's diseases, especially those of the reproductive organs.
- Otolaryngology**
Study and treatment of ear and throat diseases and disorders.
- Ophthalmology**
Study and treatment of disorders of the eye.
- Orthopaedic Surgery**
Treatment of disorders of the bones, joints, ligaments, tendons and muscles.
- Urology**
Treatment of the male and female urinary tract (including kidneys).

Median wait times by specialty
1993, 2003, 2013, and 2023 comparison



Diagnostic tests – median wait times for all of Canada
2003, 2013, and 2023 comparison



Need a CT scan?
In Nova Scotia you'll be waiting **14 weeks** (about three months) to receive a CT scan compared to Quebec, where you'll only be waiting four weeks.

Need an MRI?
Nova Scotians also wait the longest for an MRI at 25 weeks (about five and a half months), compared to the 10 weeks (about two and a half months) patients wait in Ontario and Quebec.

References

Data is derived from Waiting Your Turn reports from the Fraser Institute.

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