

Reference Number: 2020-G-110

Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*
Final Response to Request for Information

I am writing in response to your request for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

Specifically, your request reads as follows:

"Please provide documentation on the number of canceled or postponed surgeries, health procedures, and consultations due to COVID-19. Please be sure to provide documentation related to the impact on health care waiting lists due to COVID-19 (and postponed/canceled health procedures, surgeries, consultations, etc.)"

Eliminate: Duplicate Records

for the time period of February 1, 2020 to June 8, 2020.

Please note that nothing in this correspondence (or its attachments) constitutes a waiver of any privilege.

We are pleased to provide access to the records you requested; a copy of the records are enclosed. Note: the figures provided in the records only reflect acute care sites. Any cancellations/postponements at Chartered Surgical Facilities are not tracked by AHS.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the processing of your request, please contact me, at 780-735-1256 to discuss.

Please note that under section 65 of the *FOIP Act*, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta to review any decision made on your request. To request a review, you must complete and deliver a *Request for Review* form within 60 days from the date of this notice to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
#410, 9925 – 109 Street NW
Edmonton, AB
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The form is available on the Commissioner's website www.oipc.ab.ca or you can call 1-888-878-4044 (in Edmonton, call 780-422-6860) to request a copy of the form.

If you wish to request a review, please provide the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) with the following information:

1. A copy of this letter.
2. A copy of your original request form that you sent to Alberta Health Services.
3. A completed OIPC Request for Review Form.

Sincerely,

Alberta Health Services



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Information and Privacy

Enclosures: Record package – 3 pages

Pre (waitlist Mar 1, 2020)

Zone	Total	In Window	Out Window
South	3145	1982	1163
Calgary	31284	12571	18713
Central	6348	2763	3585
Edmonton	22279	10408	11871
North	3584	1706	1878
Provincial	66640	29430	37210

Post (waitlist Jun 9, 2020)

Zone	Total	In Window	Out Window
South	4288	1585	2703
Calgary	31791	9153	22638
Central	7312	1976	5336
Edmonton	24909	8952	15957
North	4088	1294	2794
Provincial	72388	22960	49428

Exclusions

Only Calgary Zone Chartered Surgical Facilities (CSF) as other Zone's CSFs were not available

Only Alberta Children's Hospital (excludes Stollery Children's Hospital as was not available for Pre period)

Excluded waitlist surgeries that could not be categorized as In Window or Out of Window (e.g. without ACATS target, emergent surgeries, or patients not ready for surgery)

Surgical Postponements related to COVID
from March 18 (start week of March 15) up to (not including) June 8

Total provincial postponements 16,893
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Includes

Scheduled surgery cases where surgery was scheduled and booking was cancelled whether or not rescheduled at that time.

Cancellations due to

- > Cancelled by facility
- > Cancelled by doctor office
- > Cancelled patient ill (unrelated)

Does not include

- > Cancellation of surgery scheduled during this time period where the cancellation occurred before March 16

Method

- > Cases are typically scheduled in the weeks leading up to a date, and postponements only include those cases scheduled.
- > Over the period of surgery reduction for COVID cases were scheduled and completed by priority.
- > Reduced activity overall is not reflected in postponements as non-urgent cases were not scheduled.
- > Different booking and tracking results in significant variation in postponement counts across comparable sites and zones.

RMT 22479

Monica Hess

August 19, 2020

Diagnosis Imaging Patients Waiting for CT / MRI/ PET CT Examination

CT	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Priority 1: Urgent	3,507	3,698	2,683	2,097	2,021	1,817
Priority 2: Semi Urgent	21,080	22,882	22,839	21,871	20,846	17,946
Priority 3: Non Urgent	17,566	18,803	19,388	18,659	18,964	19,385
Priority 4: Schedule Follow up	16,487	16,325	16,033	15,765	15,433	15,287
Total	58,640	61,708	60,943	58,392	57,264	54,435

MRI	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Priority 1: Urgent	1,908	1,918	1,527	1,352	951	787
Priority 2: Semi Urgent	15,398	15,593	14,527	12,476	12,177	11,868
Priority 3: Non Urgent	40,700	40,288	38,523	35,437	33,919	34,188
Priority 4: Schedule Follow up	14,760	13,936	13,284	12,469	11,665	11,953
Total	72,766	71,735	67,861	61,734	58,712	58,796

PET	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Priority 1: Urgent	249	206	165	95	106	70
Priority 2: Semi Urgent	224	235	233	173	162	147
Priority 3: Non Urgent	250	280	263	282	243	218
Priority 4: Schedule Follow up	1,071	979	987	940	1,029	1,208
Total	1,794	1,700	1,648	1,490	1,540	1,643

Note:

Wait time stats for Calgary and Edmonton zone are from RIS systems. Central, North, and South Zone info is from Alberta Wait time Report
Calgary and Edmonton Zone info are prospective, Central, North and South zone info is retrospective.

CT - Total Number of Patients Waiting	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Calgary	18,718	20,326	19,235	17,947	17,962	16,795
Central	4,933	5,165	5,070	4,862	4,938	4,796
Edmonton	23,231	23,756	23,903	22,953	21,744	20,768
North	7,169	7,612	8,095	8,223	8,487	8,343
South	4,589	4,849	4,640	4,407	4,133	3,733
Total	58,640	61,708	60,943	58,392	57,264	54,435

MRI - Total Number of Patients Waiting	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Calgary	37,077	37,293	35,005	32,326	32,438	32,111
Central	2,666	2,528	2,681	2,712	2,793	3,048
Edmonton	22,505	21,312	19,556	15,659	12,905	12,987
North	5,346	5,521	6,017	6,576	6,668	6,388
South	5,172	5,081	4,602	4,461	3,908	4,262
Total	72,766	71,735	67,861	61,734	58,712	58,796

PET - Total Number of Patients Waiting	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Calgary	696	630	586	529	551	541
Edmonton	1,098	1,070	1,062	961	989	1,102
Total	1,794	1,700	1,648	1,490	1,540	1,643