



FHA File: 2021- 010

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**Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*
Request – Data on number of patients died while on waiting list
for a surgical procedure during calendar year 2020.**

I am writing in order to provide Fraser Health’s response to your FIPPA request. Specifically, you have requested the following information:

“Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure during calendar year 2020. Please break the data out by procedure and case info – date the patient was referred to a specialist, decision date, date for the procedure and date of cancellation.”

Please find attached information that you have requested.

We trust that your request for information has now been satisfied and that no further action with regard to your request is required of this office.

Should you find this response unsatisfactory, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review Fraser Health Authority’s decision. You have 30 business days from receipt of this notice to request a review by writing to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Detailed information on how to request a review by OIPC is available on the OIPC website: <http://www.oipc.bc.ca>.

If you have any questions or require any clarification regarding the processing of your request, please email our FOI team at FOI@fraserhealth.ca.

Sincerely,

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Surgery Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death

Fraser Health - Calendar Year 2020

This report provides summary counts of bookings for surgery that were cancelled from the FH waitlist during calendar year 2020 due to patient death.

Report date: 2021-01-31

Data source: BC Surgical Patient Registry

Notes:

- These data reflect bookings for surgeries in an operating room. Other areas (such as ambulatory procedure rooms, endoscopy suites, etc) are not reflected here.
- The report covers bookings that were cancelled during the calendar year. There can be a delay between the patient's death and the booking office being notified to cancel the booking. As such, this is not a direct tally of patients who died during the fiscal year.
- In addition, the wait time measurement is from the date the booking form received to date of cancellation of the booking. As such, reported wait time will be often greater than the time on the waitlist at the time of death.
- To protect patient confidentiality, tallies of procedure types below 10 counts are not shown directly, but are reflected in the "other" category.

Primary procedure	Count	Proportion with wait time > 26w
Cataract Extraction & IOL Implant	132	39%
Arthroplasty Knee Replacement	18	78%
Reposition/Replace/Remove Pacemaker/Defibrillator/ICD/AICD Wire/Lead or Generator	16	31%
Transurethral Resection Prostate	16	31%
Repair Hernia Inguinal	13	46%
<i>Other procedures with <10 counts</i>	143	37%
Total	338	40%