



**Lakeridge
Health**

March 17, 2021

VIA CANADA POST



RE: Decision Letter; LH FOI File# 2020-011

Dear Mr. Haubrich,

On February 23, 2021, we received your payment to receive records granted to you thru on another request received under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. As per your email to me on March 12, 2021, I have applied that payment to this request, and await another payment for the other request.

Please find enclosed data re: number of patients that died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure in 2019-20.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at my below noted contact information.

We would appreciate you using the request number assigned to your request in any further correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Data* re: FOI# 2020-011; number of patients that died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure in 2019-20

Lakeridge Health's surgical procedure wait times are measured against the targets set by the provincial government. Information on provincial wait time performance and standards is published on the Health Quality Ontario (Ontario Health – Quality) website.

For ease of reference, please see the links below for further information:

- Wait time performance: <https://www.hqontario.ca/System-Performance/Wait-Times-for-Surgeriesand-Procedures>
- FAQs: <https://www.hqontario.ca/System-Performance/Measuring-SystemPerformance/Questions-and-Answers-on-Wait-Times>

We also invite you to see our 2020 Annual Report published at:

<https://www.lakeridgehealth.on.ca/en/newsandevents/resources/Annual-Report-2020/LH---Annual-Report-2020-Final-tagged.pdf>. The report highlights a number of statistics, including the 51,072 surgeries that occurred at Lakeridge Health in fiscal year 2019/20.

Generic #	Referral Date	Service Detail 1	Decision To Treat Date	Scheduled Procedure Date	Wait 2 Access Target (Days)	Last Update/Date of cancellation
1	10/12/2018	Ophthalmic Plastics	05/01/2019	07/08/2019	182	05/22/2019
2	N/A	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	05/16/2017	01/01/9999	14	06/04/2019
4	04/16/2019	Digestive System Surgery	05/01/2019	05/22/2019	182	06/11/2019
3	N/A	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	05/30/2019	06/25/2019	84	06/25/2019
8	04/09/2019	Benign Ovarian Surgery	04/12/2019	06/25/2019	182	07/03/2019
6	N/A	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	04/05/2018	04/05/2019	14	07/10/2019
5	01/29/2019	Foot	04/12/2019	07/23/2019	182	07/19/2019
9	02/06/2019	Ophthalmic Plastics	06/26/2019	09/20/2019	182	07/22/2019
7	05/23/2019	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	06/13/2019	01/01/9999	28	07/29/2019
10	N/A	Digestive System Surgery	06/06/2019	01/01/9999	182	07/30/2019
12	N/A	Cataract	04/29/2019	08/13/2019	182	08/06/2019
11	01/21/2019	Elbow	03/08/2019	01/01/9999	182	08/20/2019
13	N/A	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	04/20/2019	08/20/2019	14	08/28/2019
15	06/14/2018	Cataract	07/11/2018	10/18/2018	182	09/11/2019
16	N/A	Cataract	11/13/2017	01/15/2018	182	09/11/2019
17	12/11/2018	Cataract	01/03/2019	02/19/2019	182	09/11/2019
18	N/A	Cataract	11/19/2018	01/09/2019	182	09/11/2019
19	11/27/2018	Cataract	12/13/2018	02/12/2019	182	09/11/2019
20	03/19/2018	Cataract	04/04/2018	05/24/2018	182	09/11/2019
21	N/A	Cataract	04/04/2018	06/05/2018	182	09/11/2019
22	N/A	Cataract	12/13/2018	02/25/2019	182	09/11/2019
23	01/16/2018	Ophthalmic Plastics	09/04/2018	01/18/2019	182	09/11/2019
24	N/A	Cataract	01/16/2019	03/22/2019	182	09/11/2019

25	01/12/2018	Cataract	02/22/2018	03/10/2018	182	09/11/2019
26	N/A	Cataract	02/22/2018	01/01/9999	182	09/11/2019
27	01/27/2018	Cataract	02/26/2018	08/27/2018	182	09/11/2019
28	N/A	Cataract	02/23/2018	01/01/9999	182	09/11/2019
30	N/A	Cataract	05/02/2018	07/16/2018	182	09/11/2019
14	03/12/2018	Cataract	08/16/2018	11/20/2018	182	09/16/2019
29	N/A	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	02/12/2019	01/01/9999	14	09/26/2019
31	N/A	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	08/14/2018	08/13/2019	14	10/02/2019
32	10/01/2019	Kidney/Renal Pelvis/Ureter Surgery	10/17/2019	11/15/2019	84	11/29/2019
34	N/A	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	11/13/2019	12/04/2019	14	12/03/2019
33	N/A	Hip	11/06/2019	12/16/2019	182	12/10/2019
36	12/29/2019	Digestive System Surgery	01/14/2020	01/24/2020	182	01/23/2020
35	01/02/2020	Peritoneal Disease Surgery	01/07/2020	01/01/9999	182	01/30/2020
37	N/A	Anorectal Surgery	07/04/2018	01/01/9999	182	01/30/2020
40	N/A	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	09/16/2019	01/01/9999	14	02/13/2020
39	N/A	Dental/Periodontal/ Dento-Alveolar Procedures	11/04/2019	12/09/2019	182	02/18/2020
38	N/A	Kidney/Renal Pelvis/Ureter Surgery	02/03/2020	01/01/9999	182	02/19/2020
41	01/16/2020	Hernia Surgery	02/03/2020	03/03/2020	182	03/30/2020

***Interpretation Notes:**

- Please note that this report cannot be used to determine a correlation between the wait time for surgery and patient death.
- The information attached is representative of the cancellation date entered in the system for patients that died while on a wait list in FY2019/20, which may not be reflective of the specific date the patient died. Instead, this cancellation date represents when the wait list entry was cancelled or last updated. For example, 15 wait list entries for Ophthalmic cases were cancelled on September 11, 2019 as a part of a data quality initiative.
- Further, please note that some scheduled procedures may have been in the process of being scheduled (01/01/9999) or rescheduled at the time of the patient's death. In the case of the latter, scheduling may have been on hold pending a determination of readiness to proceed.
- Generally, scheduling may be impacted for a number of reasons, including patient-specific medical and non-medical circumstances such as: awaiting patient recovery, maturation (in the case of paediatric patients), medical stability (fitness for surgery), further work-up/testing results, other procedures and/or patient deferral. 'Days Affecting Readiness to Treat', as these aforementioned scenarios are termed in the Wait Time Information System (the source of this data), are not included herein.
- Referral dates are blank where cases were a non-referral/follow-up.