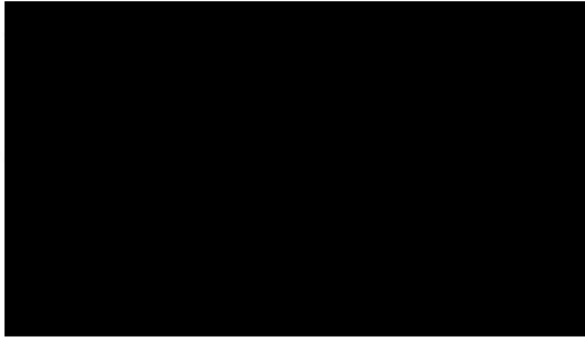


February 5, 2021

Decision Letter



Subject: Freedom of Information Request

MSH20 - 0001

Dear 

I am writing in response to your request made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("FIPPA"). The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the hospital's decision regarding your access request.

We received your request as follows:

- Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure in 2019-20. 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 also note the government's target time for providing the procedure in question. (Note: many hospitals/health regions were able to identify such cases as they track the reason for cancelled operations).

The Office of Access and Privacy is pleased to provide you with access to the records responsive to your request.

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Markham, Ontario. L3P 7P3
905.472.7000

The hospital did not charge you any fees of \$360 for the person hours required to generate and prepare this record. The hospital also did not charge for \$9.95 for shipping and handling.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet Guevara', followed by a horizontal line.

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Freedom of Information Request MSH 20-0001

Patients that Died While Waiting for a Surgical Procedure

April 2019 - March 2020

Referral Date	Consult Date	Dates Affecting Readiness to Consult (Days)	Wait 1 (Referral - Consult) (Days)	Wait 1 Access Target	Surgical Service Area	Procedure Description	Wait 2 Priority Level	Decision to Treat Date	Scheduled Procedure Date	Access Target (Wait 2) Decision to Treat to Procedure Date	Cancellation Reason
2018-09-19	2018-12-05	0	77	182	Orthopaedic Surgery	Total Knee Replacement	4	2018-12-05	2019-04-01	182	Patient Not Medically Cleared
2019-02-11	2019-03-25	42	0	182	General Surgery	Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Repair	4	2019-03-25	2019-04-17	182	Patient Death
Existing Patient					Orthopaedic Surgery	Lumbar Decompression & Fusion	3	2019-07-10	2019-10-15	56	Patient Not Medically Cleared
2020-01-06	2020-01-23	0	17	182	Orthopaedic Surgery	Shoulder Arthroscopy	4	2019-12-11	2020-03-27	182	Patient Not Medically Cleared

Methodology for Record Search

1. Number of elective surgical bookings with cancellation reason 'Patient Expired'

Source: Meditech 6.1, Meditech Data Repository

Limitations: Information on cancellation reason may not be available to the booking clerk at the time of the cancellation

2. Number of WTIS cases closed with a cancellation reason 'Patient Expired'

Source: Wait Time Information System (WTIS)

Limitations: Information on the reason for cancellation may not be available to the booking clerk at the time of the cancellation

3. Number of open cases in WTIS that have expired

Source: Wait Time Information System (WTIS), National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS), Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)

Limitations: Information on patient deaths is limited to data available through abstracting and surgeon office communication
Information is not available on procedures that may have been completed at other facilities

4. Number of elective surgical bookings cancelled for other reasons compared to the known patient deaths

Source: Meditech 6.1, Meditech Data Repository, National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS), Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)

Limitations: Information on cancellation reason may not be known to the booking clerk at the time of the cancellation.

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	182	Orthopaedic Surgery	Total Knee Replacement	4	2018-12-05	2019-04-01	182	Patient Not Medically Cleared	2019-10-27	Patient Chooses to Defer	2019/
	182	General Surgery	Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Repair	4	2019-03-25	2019-04-17	182	Patient Death	2019-12-13	Change in Medical Status	2019/
		Orthopaedic Surgery	Lumbar Decompression & Fusion	3	2019-07-10	2019-10-15	56	Patient Not Medically Cleared	2020-04-26	Other Surgical Procedure	2019/
	182	Orthopaedic Surgery	Shoulder Arthroscopy	4	2019-12-11	2020-03-27	182	Patient Not Medically Cleared	2020-10-11	Patient Chooses to Defer	2019/

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