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Thank you for your recent information access request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1990) and apologies for the delay in responding as it appears that we did not receive your initial request.

We received a request to provide the following:

- Number of patients who died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure during calendar year 2020
- Procedure and case information (referral date, decision to treat, procedure date, cancellation date) of each case, along with target time for providing procedure

The number of patients who died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure in calendar year 2020 is 3.

We are unable to provide the requested procedure, referral, and date information for each individual case, as doing so may infringe on the privacy of the individuals in question. Although the nature of your request is anonymous, the combination of several pieces of information about one particular case may inadvertently identify a specific individual and provide you with personal health information about that individual.

We hope that this information addresses your request. You have the right to appeal any decision about access to records. If you wish to do so, you may file an appeal with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Dr. Laure Pitfield  
Director & Privacy Officer  
Decision Support, Health Records, Patient Registration