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**Re: Freedom of Information Request Number 202006**



Thank you for your access request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act which we received on December 01, 2020. We received your \$5.00 application fee and note that your request is for access to the following information:

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Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure in fiscal year 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)

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) is able to provide the following information at no cost to you:

- Partial\* de-identified case data as detailed in your request, including Service Details, Date of Referral, Date of Decision to Treat, Date of Most Recent Status Change in System (In most cases, this is the cancellation date), and Target Time (Days) for Procedure.

\*Please note date of procedure is no longer tracked once cancelled and case data for some procedures is instead tracked by Private Practice Clinics.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. If you disagree with our decision, you have a right to appeal to the Information and Privacy Commissioner. The Commissioner can be reached at:

Registrar  
Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario  
1400-2 Bloor Street East  
Toronto, ON M4W 1A8

Please note that you have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request a review from the Commissioner. We would appreciate you using the request number assigned to your request in any further correspondence.



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Sincerely,

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**De-Identified Listing of Surgical Waitlist Data for Deceased Patients**  
**Time Period: April 01, 2019 to March 31, 2020**

Case	Service Area <sup>1</sup>	Service Detail 1 <sup>1</sup>	Date of Referral (mm/dd/yyyy) <sup>2</sup>	Date of Decision to Treat (mm/dd/yyyy) <sup>3</sup>	Date of Most Recent Update in System (mm/dd/yyyy) <sup>4</sup>	Target Time for Surgery (days) <sup>5</sup>
1	Orthopaedic Surgery	Shoulder	11/29/2018	11/25/2019	11/25/2019	84
2	Orthopaedic Surgery	Hip	02/12/2019	06/03/2019	11/15/2019	182
3	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	01/30/2018	08/15/2019	11/08/2019	182
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5	Oncology Procedures	Lymphomas	08/14/2019	08/20/2019	09/03/2019	28
6	General Surgery	Digestive System Surgery	No Referral	04/03/2019	08/30/2019	84
7	General Surgery	Digestive System Surgery	No Referral	04/13/2019	08/26/2019	182
8	Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	06/04/2019	06/26/2019	07/03/2019	28
9	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	No Referral	05/02/2019	06/13/2019	182
10	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery	No Referral	04/09/2019	06/06/2019	28
11	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	No Referral	02/20/2019	05/30/2019	182
12	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	No Referral	02/20/2019	05/30/2019	182
13	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	01/09/2019	02/13/2019	05/30/2019	182
14	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	01/09/2019	02/13/2019	05/30/2019	182
15	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	No Referral	04/03/2018	05/21/2019	182
16	Orthopaedic Surgery	Knee	No Referral	05/31/2018	05/10/2019	182
17	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Dental/Periodontal/ Dento-Alveolar Procedures	11/12/2018	11/13/2018	05/06/2019	182
18	Urologic Surgery	Benign Bladder Surgery	No Referral	12/04/2018	04/03/2019	182

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Le Centre régional des sciences de la santé de Thunder Bay, un hôpital d'enseignement et de recherche, est reconnu comme un leader dans la prestation de soins et de services aux patients et aux familles et est fier de son affiliation à l'université Lakehead et à l'École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario.

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19	Orthopaedic Surgery	Shoulder	11/29/2018	01/24/2019	04/01/2019	182
20	Orthopaedic Surgery	Hip	08/03/2018	09/27/2018	02/20/2020	182
21	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Dental/Periodontal/ Dento-Alveolar Procedures	08/20/2019	09/11/2019	01/17/2020	182
22	General Surgery	Skin and Structures Surgery	05/11/2018	07/27/2018	07/16/2019	182
23	General Surgery	Hernia Surgery	05/15/2018	10/16/2018	07/16/2019	182
24	Case data not available in WTIS as tracking occurs only through Private Practice Clinic.					
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Notes:						
1. Service Area and Service Detail 1 are used by Ontario's Access to Care (ATC) in categorizing surgical waitlist data in Ontario's Wait Time Information System (WTIS).						
2. Date of Referral is the date a surgeon received a referral from another physician regarding the patient in question. At this point, a decision regarding whether a surgery is required has not yet been made. In some cases, a referral date is not entered in the WTIS by the surgeon.						
3. Date of Decision to treat is the date a surgeon and patient agree that surgery is required.						
4. Date of Most Recent Update in System is the last date the WTIS data for a particular case was changed. In the majority of cases, this will be the procedure cancellation date, unless further changes were necessary following removal of the case from the WTIS. Cancellation date does not necessarily correspond to the date of a patient's death.						
5. Target Time for Surgery is the maximum recommended time period between the date of decision to treat and the surgery date, per guidance from Ontario's Access to Care (ATC). The target time varies by type of surgery and priority level.						