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February 9, 2021

Mr. Gage Haubrich  
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Saskatoon, SK S7S 1J4

**Re: Freedom of Information Request Number 202101**

Dear Mr. Haubrich,

Thank you for your access request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act which we received on January 21, 2021. 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 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 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: January 01, 2020 to December 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	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Dental/Periodontal/ Dento-Alveolar Procedures	08/20/2019	09/11/2019	01/17/2020	182
2	Orthopaedic Surgery	Hip	08/03/2018	09/27/2018	02/20/2020	182
3	Orthopaedic Surgery	Knee	04/12/2018	01/14/2019	04/06/2020	182
4	Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)		02/20/2020	05/21/2020	28
5	General Surgery	Skin and Structures Surgery		02/28/2020	06/01/2020	182
6	General Surgery	Digestive System Surgery		02/15/2020	06/08/2020	84
7	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery		02/01/2019	07/09/2020	182
8	Orthopaedic Surgery	Knee	12/09/2019	12/09/2019	07/09/2020	182
9	Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	06/11/2020	07/02/2020	07/10/2020	28
10	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery	08/14/2017	03/21/2019	07/13/2020	182
11	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Management of Infections		11/20/2019	07/15/2020	182
12	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery		10/26/2018	07/20/2020	182
13	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		02/10/2020	08/04/2020	182
14	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery	08/08/2018	10/19/2018	08/06/2020	182
15	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Management of Infections	12/01/2019	12/12/2019	08/10/2020	182
16	Oral and Maxillofacial	Management of Infections	08/13/2019	11/29/2019	08/10/2020	182





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	Surgery and Dentistry					
17	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Management of Infections	09/03/2019	09/04/2019	08/14/2020	182
18	Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)		01/14/2020	08/18/2020	28
19	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Upper Extremity Reconstructive Surgery		03/02/2020	09/05/2020	84
20	General Surgery	Digestive System Surgery	07/25/2017	10/30/2017	09/17/2020	182
21	Oncology Procedures	Prostate		09/01/2020	09/18/2020	28
22	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Dental/Periodontal/ Dento-Alveolar Procedures	03/04/2019	03/04/2019	10/08/2020	84
23	General Surgery	Digestive System Surgery	10/09/2018	12/13/2018	10/20/2020	182
24	Orthopaedic Surgery	Shoulder	10/24/2019	03/05/2020	11/18/2020	182
25	Orthopaedic Surgery	Hip	11/19/2019	03/06/2020	11/20/2020	182
26	Orthopaedic Surgery	Hip	05/03/2019	10/17/2019	11/20/2020	182
27	Oncology Procedures	Lung	09/11/2020	10/13/2020	11/23/2020	28
28	Orthopaedic Surgery	Femur		03/04/2020	11/27/2020	182
29	Orthopaedic Surgery	Foot		08/12/2020	11/28/2020	182
30	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery	05/10/2018	06/12/2018	12/15/2020	182
31	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery		10/17/2018	12/30/2020	182
32	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. Not all cases require a referral prior to decision to treat.
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.