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to Healthy Aging**

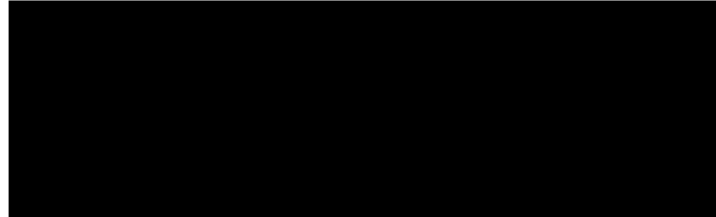
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RE: Freedom of Information Request # 20-12

I am writing regarding your access request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (“FIPPA”) for the following:

1. *Data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for either a diagnostic scan or a consultation with a specialist in fiscal year 2019-20.*
2. *Please break the data out by procedure and case info – date the patient went on the waiting list, date for the meeting with the specialist or date for diagnostic scan (if scheduled), and date of cancellation.*
3. *Please also note the government’s target time for providing the procedure in question.*

You have clarified that your request relates to radiology scans only. Please refer to the itemized responses below for the data that is responsive to your request.

Response

1. **Number of Patients for Diagnostic Scans:** We have data of nil (0) patients on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan in our fiscal year 2019-20, for whom “patient death” was identified as having occurred between the date that the diagnostic scan was scheduled and the scheduled date for the diagnostic scan.

Please understand that this data is un-validated and may not be accurate, complete or reliable. It is reflective of the number of cases in 2019-20 that were listed for a diagnostic scan on an out-patient basis, where it was learned that the patient died before the scheduled date for the diagnostic scan, where this information was reflected in the data system for diagnostic scans. We do not have

the ability to further validate the data or its level of accuracy, completeness or reliability.

The data source is an administrative system and is not meant to capture clinical information about patients. The data should not be interpreted as being reflective of the patient having died within the time frame specified, or as indicative of any specific cause/reason for death.

We do not have data on diagnostic scans for hospital in-patients, as they are not "wait-listed" in this manner.

2. **Consultation with a Specialist:** We do not have data responsive to this request.
3. **Government's Target Time for Services:** Government target times for the procedures are available here:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/wait-times-ontario>

You may request the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. The Commissioner can be reached at:

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

The appeal fee is \$25.00, payable by cheque or money order to the Minister of Finance and must be included with your correspondence. Please note that you have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request a review by the Commissioner.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (416) 586-4800 ext. 5886. Please refer to the above-referenced access request number in any further correspondence.

Yours very truly,



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