

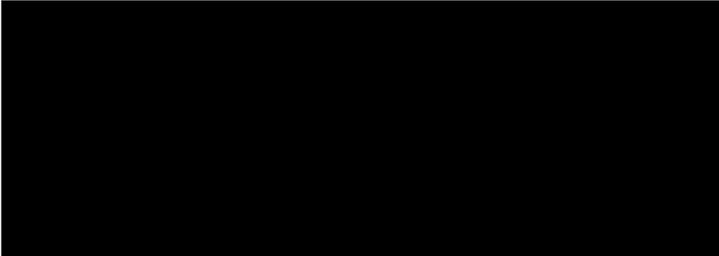


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July 28, 2021

FHA File: 21-0144



**Re: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)
Request – Fraser Health 21-0144**

I am writing in response to your FIPPA request made to Fraser Health on June 7, 2021. Specifically, you requested the following information:

“1. Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure in fiscal year 2020-21. 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)

2. Please provide 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 2020-21. 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. Please also note the government’s target time for providing the meeting or scan in question. (Note: many hospitals/health regions were able to identify such cases as they track the reason for cancelled operations)”

After conducting a search for records in Acute and Community Services, 2 pages were found in response to your request.

The records have been provided in their entirety.

Please note that this report cannot be used to determine a correlation between the wait time for surgery and patient death.

Should you wish, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review Fraser Health's response. You have 30 business days from receipt of this notice to request a review in writing to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Detailed information on how to request a review by OIPC is available on the OIPC website: <http://www.oipc.bc.ca>.

If you have any questions or require any clarification regarding the processing of your request, please email the author of this letter at Christina.wong@fraserhealth.ca.

Sincerely,

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Surgery Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death

Fraser Health - Fiscal Year 2020/21

This report provides summary counts of bookings for surgery that were cancelled from the FH waitlist during fiscal year 2020/21 (1st Apr 2020 to 31st Mar 2021) due to patient death.

Report date: 2021-06-14

Data source: BC Surgical Patient Registry

Notes:

- These data reflect bookings for surgeries in an operating room. Other areas (such as ambulatory procedure rooms, endoscopy suites, etc) are not reflected here.
- The report covers bookings that were cancelled during the fiscal year. There can be a delay between the patient's death and the booking office being notified to cancel the booking. As such, this is not a direct tally of patients who died during the fiscal year.
- In addition, the wait time measurement is from the date the booking form received to date of cancellation of the booking. As such, reported wait time will be often greater than the time on the waitlist at the time of death.
- To protect patient confidentiality, tallies of procedure types below 10 counts are not shown directly, but are reflected in the "other" category.

Primary procedure	Count	Proportion with wait time > 26w
Cataract Extraction & IOL Implant	129	40%
Arthroplasty Knee Replacement	20	80%
Transurethral Resection Prostate	13	31%
Repair Hernia Inguinal	12	58%
Reposition/Replace/Remove Pacemaker/Defibrillator/ICD/AICD Wire/Lead Or Generator	12	33%
<i>Other procedures with <10 counts</i>	135	36%
Total	321	41%

Freedom of Information Report

FHA # of patients Cancelled when Cancelled reason = EXP (Deceased)

Fiscal Years: 2020/21 P3 to 2021/22 P3

Total Count = 1098

Data source: Meditech CWS

Modality	Count of Patients	% Waited > 24 weeks
Bone Density	26	23.08%
Computed Tomography	394	11.68%
Diagnostic Mammography	8	12.50%
Echocardiogram	128	28.13%
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	73	21.92%
Nuclear Medicine	103	0.00%
Interventional Radiology	211	6.64%
Ultrasound	134	21.64%
General Radiology (including Fluoroscopy)	21	4.76%
Grand Total	1098	13.57%

The data is broken down by

- Modality

Waiting time is calculated as follows:

- From: Date Requisition was received

- To: Date Appointment was cancelled

Notes:

The data is provided for one year 2020/21 P3 to 2021/22 P3 as it is only possible to pull 1 year of data

Cancellation Date does not correlate with the deceased date

The results include routine followups appointments that are scheduled one year in advance, or more.

Exams are prioritized and scheduled based on the assessed urgency.