

Title	IHA Elective Surgical Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death (IH FOI Request 089-IH-2021-2022)
Reporting Period	Fiscal Year 2021 (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)
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Purpose/Request	To provide the number of patients that cancelled surgery due to death while on the Interior Health wait list for elective surgery by procedure type.

Findings & Analysis

During fiscal year 20/21, there were 206 booking records cancelled and removed from the Interior Health Authority's (IHA) waitlist due to patient death, representing 3% of all cancelled bookings in IHA (6,951 total cancelled bookings). There were 60 various types of procedures cancelled due to patient death, Cataracts topped the list with 80 (39%) bookings cancelled due to patient death, followed by Arthroplasty Knee Replacements with 14 (7%) cancelled bookings.

The wait time for surgery starts the day the booking form is received at an Interior Health hospital Booking Office to the procedure date (or removal from the waitlist), minus unavailable time reported on the booking record. Of the 206 bookings that were cancelled due to patient death, 58% (119 bookings) had been waiting over the Benchmark target wait time for surgery at the date of patient death. Due to low patient volumes, specific case information and target times have been excluded.

The reason for patient death is not documented in Interior Health and is unknown. Consequently, this report cannot be used to determine a correlation between the wait time for surgery and patient death.

Table 1. Interior Health number of Booking Records cancelled due to Patient Death by Procedure Group, Fiscal Year 20/21

Procedure Group	# of bookings cancelled due to patient death
Cataract Extraction & Intraocular Lens (IOL) Implant	80
Arthroplasty Knee Replacement	14
Other Surgical Procedures (<10 Total Cases)*	112
Total	206
% of bookings cancelled due to patient death that were waiting over the benchmark wait time target	58%

Note: *Due to patient confidentiality concerns all surgical volumes <10 cases are suppressed.

Data Notes & Limitations

- Data is based on primary procedure only.
- Data includes elective OR procedures only, both daycare and inpatient cases.
- The data excludes non-OR procedures (z. procedures).
- Data includes only booking records with a cancellation date within Fiscal Year 20/20 (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)
- Wait times are calculated from the booking form received date to the patient expiry date (Patient date of death), excluding patient unavailable dates. Unavailable time is documented dates that the patient is unavailable for surgery due to personal reasons (i.e. out-of-country, not ready, etc.), or for medical reasons.
- Procedure Group = Surgical Patient Registry (SPR) Procedure Group
- Due to patient confidentiality concerns all surgical volumes <10 cases are suppressed.
- All bookings with a death cancellation reason that could not be confirmed were removed.

Attachments: N/A
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