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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

VIA Electronic Correspondence

Dear

Re: FOI Request number 2021 006 & 2021 007

This letter is in response to your requests under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA or the Act) for access to:

FOI 2020 006

"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 patient went on the waiting list, date for the meeting with the specialist or date for diagnostic scan (if scheduled), a 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)"

FOI 2020 007

"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)"

We are pleased to grant you partial access to the records for FOI 2020 006 and full access to the records for FOI 2020 007. Access in part is provided for FOI 2020 007 since some of requested information does not exist as we do not collect the date that a patient was referred to a specialist.



The estimated fee for processing each request was \$120.00. The actual fee for processing your request was \$120.00 each, as estimated. As you have already provided a payment to us for the full amount (receipt attached), we are providing you with the records at this time.

You may request that this decision be reviewed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner within 30 days of receipt of this letter. The Commission can be reached at:

Registrar 1-800-387-0073 Information and Privacy Commission/Ontario 1400-2 Bloor Street East Toronto, Ontario M4W 1A8

Should you have any questions about the handling of your request, please contact me and kindly provide the FOI number of your request.

Sincerely,

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NH Privacy and Freedom of Information Specialist

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Enclosures: Records

IPC Appeals Process

Payment receipt

FOI 2021 007 Surgery Data

Service area	Referral Date	Decision Date	Government Target	Scheduled Procedure Cancellation Date (DD-		Procedure No Longer
		(DD/MM/YYYY)	Time	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)		Required Reason
General Surgery	03/03/2020	07/07/2020	84	19/11/2020	02/11/2020	Patient deceased
General Surgery	NA	12/11/2019	182		14/08/2020	Patient deceased
Oncology Procedures	20/01/2020	23/01/2020	84	01/04/2020	25/11/2020	Patient deceased
Ophthalmic Surgery	N.	23/07/2019	182	02/06/2020	25/05/2020	Patient deceased
Ophthalmic Surgery	NA	23/01/2020	182	17/11/2020	29/10/2020	Patient deceased
Ophthalmic Surgery	31/01/2020	26/08/2020	182	30/12/2020	10/12/2020	Patient deceased
Ophthalmic Surgery	31/07/2020	22/09/2020	182	08/01/2021	16/12/2020	Patient deceased
Ophthalmic Surgery	10/03/2019	23/10/2019	182	11/01/2021	05/01/2021	Patient deceased
Ophthalmic Surgery	NA	22/09/2020	182	05/02/2021	18/01/2021	Patient deceased
Ophthalmic Surgery	29/06/2020	08/08/2020	182	10/02/2021	03/02/2021	Patient deceased
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Ophthalmic Surgery	NA	02/03/2021	182	13/05/2021	26/04/2021	Patient deceased
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Orthopaedic Surgery	NA	05/02/2019	182	13/08/2020	01/04/2020	Patient deceased
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Urologic Surgery	29/01/2020	02/05/2020	182	30/03/2020	25/01/2021	Patient deceased

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Urologic Surgery	NA	26/06/2020	182	04/08/2020	28/07/2020	Patient deceased
Urologic Surgery	NA	30/07/2020	182	05/08/2020	31/07/2020	Patient deceased
Urologic Surgery	NA	28/02/2020	182	06/10/2020	24/09/2020	Patient deceased
Vascular Surgery	14/02/2020	16/06/2020	182	02/10/2020	28/09/2020	Patient deceased

- Notes:

 1. Data is for fiscal year 2020/21 (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021).
- that the death is related to the proposed procedure. Causes of death are not collected in the database. 2. "Patient Deceased" is the reason that the procedure is not longer required, however, it does not mean
- 3. For the referral date field, where the entry is "NA", the patient was a pre-existing patient and therefore not a new referral.
- 4. The government target time is based on a priority system. Additional information is available at this not reflect any priority changes and priority wait times that may have occurred throughout the patient's the case priority at the time the hospital was notified that the procedure was no longer required. It does Times-for-Other-Surgeries-and-Procedures. The wait time shown is the wait time that was reflective of link: https://www.hqontario.ca/System-Performance/Measuring-System-Performance/Measuring-Waitwait time on the wait list.

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Notes:

- 1. Data is for the fiscal year 2020/2021 (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021).
- 2. "Patient Deceased" is the reason that the procedure is no longer required, however, it does not

mean that the death is related to the proposed procedure. A death may occur for other reasons.

- the 216 cancelled procedures due to patient death represent only 156 patients Because one patient may be on the waitlist for both an MR and CT, or more than one MR or CT,
- typically included in published wait times. cases beyond the government target. These records comprise many of these cases and are not medical reasons requiring the patient to have imaging after a specified period of time, in some specifically scheduled later than it would be otherwise available. This is because there are 4. Scheduled Procedure Date is the original scheduled date. In some cases the procedure is
- Procedures. The target times shown correspond to the priority level assigned to each case. Performance/Measuring-System-Performance/Measuring-Wait-Times-for-Other-Surgeries-andinformation can be found at this link: https://www.hqontario.ca/Systempriorities ranging from 1 to 4. Ontario Health has set wait time targets for each priority. More 5. Scans are assigned a priority level by a Radiologist upon review of the requisition, with
- updated, reflecting the time the hospital became aware of the patient's death. The last update reflects the last date the waitlist was updated, for which these cases would be
- Dates of referral to specialist are not collected.