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**Re: Full Disclosure – OUR FILE# NSHA-2022-092**

On May 18, 2022, Nova Scotia Health (NSH) received your request under the **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP Act)**.

We understand your application to be for a copy of the following:

**Please provide the most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are:**

- **Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure**
  - **Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan**
  - **Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for an appointment with a specialist**
- Please be sure to note the date the data was compiled.**

Please find a copy of the records located in response to your request. We are providing these records to you in their entirety. We are now closing your file.

Please note, for those currently on the waitlisting or waiting to be placed on a waitlisting list an appointment with a specialist, the data is related to activity at the QEII primarily and would include some patients from across the province where the subspecialty may not exist or is limited. There are no waitlists for Medical Oncology or Palliative Medicine per se. Patients are booked into appointments as referrals are received so patients do wait on average 25.4 days to see a Medical Oncologist for first appointment. Palliative Medicine does not have waitlists either because those patients are end of life generally. We don't have the Nephology waitlist data as it isn't complete currently.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

You have the right to seek a review with the Review Officer within 60 days of receiving this decision. Complete details of the process are outlined on the website of the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner: <https://foipop.ns.ca/request-a-review>.



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Sincerely,

Katie Smith  
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Nova Scotia Health Authority  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Please provide the most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are:

1. **Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure (compiled June 15, 2022).**

Source is the PAR-NS database.

<b># cases on Surgical Waitlist as of</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
15-Jun-22	13,208	3,813	2,416	6,809	26,246

This number includes any surgery that goes to the operating room, excluding endoscopy suite procedures or minor procedures that occur in clinics (not the main operating rooms).

If someone needs an urgent/emergency surgery within a few hours or within a day or so, they are not on this waitlist either.

People still awaiting a consult for a surgeon to determine if they need surgery are not included (i.e., the consult waitlist). We do not have that information.

**2. Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan (compiled February 2022).**

<b>MODALITY</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Total # Waiting (booked or otherwise)</b>
<b>Magnetic Resonance (MR)</b>	Central	Total (centralized waitlist)	10,350
	Eastern	Cape Breton Regional Hospital	2,141
	Eastern	St. Martha's	1,081
	Northern	Colchester East Hants Health Centre	1,491
	Northern	Aberdeen Hospital	894
	Western	Valley Regional Hospital	2,655
	Western	Yarmouth Regional Hospital	2,047
<b>Computed Tomography (CT)</b>	Central	Total (centralized waitlist)	10,844
	Eastern	Cape Breton Regional Hospital	1,384
	Eastern	St. Martha's	759
	Eastern	Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital	301
	Northern	Colchester East Hants Health Centre	1,186
	Northern	Aberdeen Hospital	1,530
	Northern	Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre	699
	Western	Valley Regional Hospital	2,818
	Western	Yarmouth Regional Hospital	1,494
Western	South Shore Regional Hospital	2,552	
<b>Ultrasound (US)</b>	Central	Total (centralized waitlist)	13,862
	Eastern	Cape Breton Regional Hospital	2,372
	Eastern	St. Martha's	762
	Eastern	Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital	370
	Northern	Colchester East Hants Health Centre	798
	Northern	Aberdeen Hospital	1,364
	Northern	Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre	373
	Western	Valley Regional Hospital / Soldiers' Memorial Hospital	2,071
	Western	Yarmouth Regional Hospital	1,276
	Western	South Shore Regional Hospital	4,710
	Western	Soldiers' Memorial Hospital	161
Western	Digby General Hospital	346	
<b>Bone Density (BD)</b>	Central	QEII - Victoria General (VG) Site	2,690
	Central	Dartmouth General Hospital	1,544
	Eastern	Cape Breton Regional Hospital	225
	Eastern	St. Martha's	138
	Northern	Colchester East Hants Health Centre	762
	Western	Valley Regional Hospital	1,488
	Western	Yarmouth Regional Hospital	148
Western	Fishermen's Memorial Hospital	751	

<b>Nuclear Medicine (NM)</b>	Central	QEII - Halifax Infirmary Site	142
	Central	QEII - Victoria General (VG) Site	186
	Eastern	Cape Breton Regional Hospital	307
	Eastern	St. Martha's	48
	Northern	Colchester East Hants Health Centre	327
	Northern	Aberdeen Hospital	169
	Western	Valley Regional Hospital	31
	Western	Yarmouth Regional Hospital	121
	Western	South Shore Regional Hospital	101
<b>Interventional Radiology (IR)</b>	Western	Valley Regional Hospital	180
	Central	QEII - Halifax Infirmary Site	130
	Central	QEII - Victoria General (VG) Site	305
<b>PET</b>	Central	QEII - Victoria General (VG) Site	350

3. Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for an appointment with a specialist (compiled June 22, 2022).

<b>Total # of Patients Waiting to See a Specialist</b>		
<b>Division</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cardiology	Cardiology Clinics	3166
	Cardiology ECHO	4339
	Cardiology Electrophysiology	367
<b>Cardiology</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7872</b>
Clinical Dermatology & Cutaneous Science	Dermatology Clinics	1997
<b>Clinical Dermatology &amp; Cutaneous Science</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1997</b>
Digestive Care & Endoscopy	Gastroenterology Clinics	2205
	GI Colonoscopy	3231
	GI Gastroscopy	1415
	GI Liver Clinic	644
	GI Sigmoidoscopy	236
<b>Digestive Care &amp; Endoscopy</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7731</b>
Endocrinology	Endocrinology Clinics	699
<b>Endocrinology</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>699</b>
General Internal Medicine	GIM Clinics	742
<b>General Internal Medicine</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>742</b>
Geriatric Medicine	Geriatric Clinics	725
<b>Geriatric Medicine</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>725</b>
Hematology	Hematology Clinics	1605
<b>Hematology</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1605</b>
Infectious Diseases	ID Clinics	262
<b>Infectious Diseases</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>262</b>
Neurology	Neurology Clinics	1530
	Neurology EEG	181
	Neurology EMG	1984
<b>Neurology</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3695</b>
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	PMR Clinics	333
<b>Physical Medicine &amp; Rehabilitation</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>
Respirology	Respirology Clinics	109
	Sleep Lab	394
<b>Respirology</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>503</b>
Rheumatology	Rheumatology Clinics	2007
<b>Rheumatology</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2007</b>