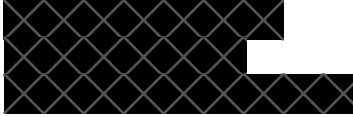




June 27, 2022



**Re: Freedom of Information Request Number 202204**

Dear Mrs. Schulz,

Thank you for your two (2) access requests under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act which we received on June 6, 2022. We received your \$10.00 application fees (receipt attached dated June 8, 2022) and note that your request is for access to the following information:

*Please provide data on the # of patients that died while on a waiting list for either a diagnostic scan or a consultation of a specialist in fiscal yr. 2021-22. Please break the data out by procedure + case into date the patient went on the waiting list, date for the mtg w/ a specialist or date for diagnostic scan (if scheduled), and date of cancellation. Please also note the government's target time for providing the consultation or scan in question (Note: many hospitals/health regions were able to identify such cases as they track the reason for cancelled operations).  
Timeframe of search: Records dated from April 1, 2021 through to March 31, 2022 or  to date this request received.*

*Please provide data on the # of patients that died while on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure in fiscal yr 2021-22. Please break the data out by procedure + case into date the patient was referred to a specialist, decision date, date for the procedure + 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).  
Timeframe of search: Records dated from April 1, 2021 through to March 31, 2022 or  to date this request received.*

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) is able to provide the following information at no cost to you for both requests:

- Partial\* de-identified case data as detailed in your request, including Service Details, Date of Referral, Date of Decision to Treat, Date of Most Recent Status Change in System (In most cases, this is the cancellation date), and Target Time (Days) for Procedure.



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\* Please note date of procedure is no longer tracked once cancelled and case data for some procedures is instead tracked by Private Practice Clinics.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. If you disagree with our decision, you have a right to appeal to the Information and Privacy Commissioner. The Commissioner can be reached at:

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

Please note that you have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request a review from the Commissioner. We would appreciate you using the request number assigned to your request in any further correspondence.

Sincerely,

Cindy Fedell  
Regional Chief Information Officer  
Privacy and Freedom of Information Office  
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre



De-Identified List of Patients removed from Surgical waitlist due to reason of "Patient Death"  
Time Frame: April 01, 2021 to March 31, 2022

Case Number	Service Area	Service Detail 1	Referral Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 2	Consult Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 3	Decision to Treat Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 4	Wait 2 Access Targets (days) 5	Last System Update Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 6
1	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	No Referral	No Consult	01/21/2021	182	04/06/2021
2	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	No Referral	No Consult	01/21/2021	182	04/06/2021
3	Vascular Surgery	Venous Surgery	No Referral	No Consult	04/28/2021	14	05/18/2021
4	Orthopaedic Surgery	Shoulder	11/02/2020	11/12/2020	11/12/2020	182	05/04/2021
5	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Management of Infections	03/24/2021	03/24/2021	03/24/2021	182	05/05/2021
6	General Surgery	Skin and Structures Surgery	No Referral	No Consult	07/11/2019	182	06/29/2021
7	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	09/09/2020	09/09/2020	09/09/2020	182	06/07/2021
8	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	10/14/2020	05/25/2021	05/25/2021	182	07/07/2021
9	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery	No Referral	No Consult	07/22/2020	28	07/12/2021
10	Orthopaedic Surgery	Knee	No Referral	No Consult	09/03/2020	182	07/14/2021
11	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	10/14/2020	05/25/2021	05/25/2021	182	07/07/2021
12	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery	01/29/2021	02/25/2021	03/23/2021	182	07/06/2021
13	General Surgery	Skin and Structures Surgery	04/05/2021	06/21/2021	06/21/2021	182	08/24/2021
14	Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	No Referral	No Consult	07/19/2021	28	08/31/2021
15	Neurosurgery	Cranioplasty Surgery	No Referral	No Consult	07/23/2021	56	08/17/2021
16	Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	No Referral	No Consult	07/08/2021	28	08/25/2021
17	Urologic Surgery	Benign Bladder Surgery	11/25/2020	01/14/2021	06/18/2021	84	08/05/2021



18	General Surgery	Anorectal Surgery	No Referral	No Consult	02/24/2020	182	09/23/2021
19	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Management of Infections	05/12/2021	05/19/2021	05/19/2021	182	09/14/2021
20	Vascular Surgery	Venous Surgery	No Referral	No Consult	04/26/2021	56	09/15/2021
21	Orthopaedic Surgery	Hip	No Referral	No Consult	02/27/2020	182	09/22/2021
22	Orthopaedic Surgery	Elbow	No Referral	No Consult	12/08/2020	182	09/07/2021
23	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Management of Infections	04/06/2021	04/07/2021	04/07/2021	182	10/18/2021
24	Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)	No Referral	No Consult	03/03/2020	28	11/11/2021
25	Orthopaedic Surgery	Hand	No Referral	No Consult	12/17/2020	182	11/08/2021
26	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Dental/Periodontal/Dento-Alveolar Procedures	09/19/2020	09/19/2020	09/19/2020	14	11/24/2021
27	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Dental/Periodontal/Dento-Alveolar Procedures	01/02/2018	01/02/2018	01/02/2018	84	11/24/2021
28	Orthopaedic Surgery	Knee	12/14/2020	06/15/2021	06/15/2021	182	12/01/2021
29	General Surgery	Hernia Surgery	01/19/2021	03/26/2021	03/26/2021	182	12/01/2021
30	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery	12/10/2019	01/10/2020	01/10/2020	84	12/08/2021
31	Orthopaedic Surgery	Knee	No Referral	No Consult	03/11/2019	182	12/22/2021
32	Orthopaedic Surgery	Knee	10/10/2018	11/21/2018	11/21/2018	182	12/22/2021
33	Urologic Surgery	Penile Surgery	No Referral	No Consult	10/10/2020	182	12/09/2021
34	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery	05/03/2021	05/26/2021	05/26/2021	182	01/12/2022



35	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Management of Infections	12/08/2021	12/08/2021	12/08/2021	182	01/25/2022
36	Orthopaedic Surgery	Knee	02/12/2020	02/27/2020	02/27/2020	84	01/26/2022
37	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry	Dental/Periodontal/Dento-Alveolar Procedures	11/08/2017	02/07/2018	02/07/2018	182	02/07/2022
38	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	No Referral	No Consult	12/06/2021	182	02/18/2022
39	General Surgery	Digestive System Surgery	No Referral	No Consult	03/26/2021	182	02/09/2022
40	Urologic Surgery	Benign Prostate Surgery	No Referral	No Consult	12/21/2021	84	02/16/2022
41	Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	No Referral	No Consult	12/06/2021	182	02/18/2022
42	Patient Data Not Available in WTIS as not a tracked procedure						
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**Notes:**

1. Service area, Service Detail 1 and Service Detail 2 are used by Ontario's Access to Care (ATC) in categorizing surgical waitlist data in Ontario's Wait Time Information System (WTIS).
2. Referral date is the date a surgeon received a referral from another physician regarding the patient in question. At this point, a decision regarding whether a surgery is required has not yet been made. In some cases, a referral date is not entered in the WTIS by the surgeon.
3. Consult date is the date the surgeon consulted with the patient.
4. Decision-to-treat date is the date a surgeon and patient agree that surgery is required.
5. Target Time for Surgery is the maximum recommended time period between the decision-to-treat and the surgery date, per guidance from ATC. The target time varies by type of surgery and priority level.
6. Last Update Date is the last date the WTIS data for a particular case was changed. In the majority of cases, this will be the procedure cancellation date, unless further changes were necessary following removal of the case from the WTIS. Cancellation date does not necessarily correspond to the data of a patient's death.



De-Identified Patients removed from DI waitlist due to reason of "Patient Death"

Time Frame: April 01, 2021 to March 31, 2022

Case Number	Service Detail 1	Service Detail 2 1	Clinical Indication for Scan	Order Received Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Scheduled Procedure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Wait 2 Access Target 2	Last System Update Date (mm/dd/yyyy) <sup>3</sup>
1	CT Scan	Abdomen	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	01/04/2021	06/09/2021	28	04/09/2021
2	MRI	Head (Brain)	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	12/17/2020	06/02/2021	28	04/12/2021
3	MRI	Extremities	Other	05/20/2021	06/09/2021	10	06/03/2021
4	MRI	Head (Brain)	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	05/07/2021	06/29/2021	28	06/24/2021
5	CT Scan	Spine	Other	08/22/2021	09/28/2021	10	08/26/2021
6	MRI	Abdomen	Other	03/05/2021	10/11/2021	28	08/26/2021
7	MRI	Head (Brain)	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	07/30/2021	09/22/2021	28	09/20/2021
8	CT Scan	Abdomen	Other	07/13/2021	11/11/2021	28	09/29/2021
9	CT Scan	Thorax	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	02/24/2021	01/10/2022	28	10/18/2021
10	CT Scan	Spine	Other	06/23/2021	11/11/2021	28	10/04/2021
11	CT Scan	Thorax	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	10/19/2021	11/26/2021	10	10/29/2021
12	CT Scan	Head (Brain)	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	10/29/2021	12/16/2021	28	11/05/2021
13	CT Scan	Thorax	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	07/30/2021	12/08/2021	28	11/01/2021
14	CT Scan	Abdomen	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	10/12/2021	11/22/2021	10	11/03/2021
15	CT Scan	Abdomen	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	11/03/2021	12/20/2021	10	11/30/2021



16	MRI	Spine	Other	10/28/20 21	11/12/20 21	10	11/03/2021
17	CT Scan	Thorax	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	10/21/20 21	01/07/20 22	28	11/16/2021
18	MRI	Head (Brain)	Other	01/04/20 22	03/25/20 22	28	01/13/2022
19	MRI	Abdomen	Other	11/23/20 21	03/04/20 22	28	01/18/2022
20	CT Scan	Abdomen	Other	08/18/20 21	01/25/20 22	28	01/10/2022
21	MRI	Head (Brain)	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	09/01/20 21	02/16/20 22	28	02/22/2022
22	CT Scan	Abdomen	Cancer Staging and/or Diagnosis	12/07/20 21	02/28/20 22	28	02/02/2022
23	MRI	Head (Brain)	Other	12/17/20 21	03/22/20 22	28	03/14/2022

**Notes:**

1. Service area, Service Detail 1 and Service Detail 2 are used by Ontario's Access to Care (ATC) in categorizing surgical waitlist data in Ontario's Wait Time Information System (WTIS).
2. The maximum recommended wait time in days for the associated priority level
3. Last Update Date is the last date the data for a particular case was changed. In the majority of cases, this will be the cancellation date, unless further changes were necessary following removal of the case. Cancellation date does not necessarily correspond to the data of a patient's death.