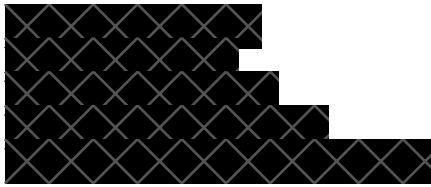


Dec 13, 2022

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Reference Number: 2022-G-429

Dear Mrs. Schulz:

Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*
Final Response to Request for Information

I am writing in response to your request for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

Specifically, your request reads as follows:

Please provide the most recent data on the # of patients in the province (or best estimation) who are currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a wait list for a) surgery or procedure, (b) diagnostic scan, (c) appt. w/a specialist. Please be sure to note the date that the data was compiled.

Time Period: Current as of Dec. 5, 2022

Please note that nothing in this correspondence (or its attachments) constitutes a waiver of any privilege.

We are pleased to provide access to the records you requested; a copy of the records are enclosed.

If not otherwise stated the data was compiled on December 8, 2022. As you have requested the most recent data please be mindful of each of the notes that provide context to the available information that AHS has retrieved. You are also encouraged to make use of the ASI metrics published on this website:

https://healthanalytics.alberta.ca/SASVisualAnalytics/?reportUri=%2Freports%2Freports%2Fd0dd62a3-001d-443c-a395-9431b63f142b§ionIndex=0&sso_quest=true&reportViewOnly=true&reportContextBar=false&sas-welcome=false

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the processing of your request, please contact us at IAS@ahs.ca.

Please note that under section 65 of the *FOIP Act*, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta to review any decision made on your request. To request a review, you must complete and deliver a *Request for Review* form within 60 days from the date of this notice to:



Information & Privacy
Seventh Street Plaza – 5th Floor, North Tower
10030 – 107 Street, Edmonton, AB Canada T5J 3E4
IAS@ahs.ca

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
#410, 9925 – 109 Street NW
Edmonton, AB
T5K 2J8

The form is available on the Commissioner's website www.oipc.ab.ca or you can call 1-888-878-4044 (in Edmonton, call 780-422-6860) to request a copy of the form.

If you wish to request a review, please provide the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) with the following information:

1. A copy of this letter.
2. A copy of your original request form that you sent to Alberta Health Services.
3. A completed OIPC Request for Review Form.

Sincerely,

Information Access Services
Legal & Privacy, Alberta Health Services
Seventh Street Plaza
5th Floor, North Tower
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Enclosures: Record package – 4 pages

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The total number of patients on the surgery waitlist as of Dec 5, 2022 is **75483***

*Note that this waitlist is not able to currently reflect those awaiting surgery at some smaller sites in the province where no OR information system is in use. Some duplicate cases are also known to be included, as well as cases where the patient is not yet ready for surgery.

CT	# of Pts. Waiting
Priority 1	1,662
Priority 2	11,091
Priority 3	13,113
Priority 4	16,896
Total	42,762

MRI	# of Pts. Waiting
Priority 1	655
Priority 2	11,294
Priority 3	25,014
Priority 4	14,012
Total	50,975

Note:

Patients on the waitlist information is from AWTR, AGFA, Millenium, Connect Care

Outsource patients information not included

During the transitioning phases from Zonal RIS system to Connect Care, regular updates are made

Total Patient Referrals Waiting for Initial Appointment with Specialty Care/Ambulatory Care December 8 2022: **175,849*** Patient Referrals Waiting.

- 142,444 referrals are awaiting triage, initial scheduling, or rescheduling.
- 33,405 referrals are scheduled for future appointments that have not yet occurred.

*Note that this only includes AHS specialty care/ambulatory care clinics that have gone live with Connect Care, and are using the referral module. The Connect Care system recently had a major launch. Data quality for newly incorporated clinics and cutover data has not been vetted yet, due to time constraints. Does not include non-AHS providers and specialty care clinics. Does not include information from other AHS clinical information systems (i.e. non Connect Care systems), due to limitations with those systems in capturing wait list data. Does not include AHS specialty care/ambulatory that is paper-based or otherwise not using a clinical information system to track referrals. Includes all types of specialty care and ambulatory care providers, not just specialist physicians. This means some referrals are for rehabilitation, allied health, addiction & mental health, nurse led clinics, etc. as well as specialist physicians.