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March 7, 2023



Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the RTIPPA) Request #22/24-040-RTI

Please accept this letter in response to your request to access information under the RTIPPA which was received by Horizon Health Network (Horizon) on January 18, 2023.

1. Surgery or procedure wait times: Please refer to the [Government of New Brunswick's Surgery Wait Time](#) site.
2. Medical Imaging wait times and volume of patients waiting as of January 1, 2023, is attached. The attached wait times are provided by Horizon Zone. Here is a link to a page that explains the Health Zones in New Brunswick: [Map of Health Zones in New Brunswick](#).
3. An appointment with a Specialist: The waiting lists of individual Specialists is held by individual (Physician) private offices. This is information that is not collected by Horizon Health Network.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may file a complaint with OmbudNB as per section 67(1)(a)(i) of the RTIPPA within 40 business days of receiving this response or refer the matter to a judge of the Court of Kings' Bench as per section 65(1)(a) of the RTIPPA within 40 business days of receiving this response.

Please feel free to contact me at rtippa-ldipvp@horizonnb.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Janice M. Melanson, BA, HIM, CIAPP
Access to Information Coordinator

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Attachment Medical Imaging Wait Times

Horizon Health Network
Medical Imaging Wait Times
Volume of Patients Waiting as of January 1, 2023

Horizon Zone	Modality	Approx. # of Requisitions (Backlog)	Projected Wait Time (in days)
Zone 1	CT	1,932	95
	MR	1,771	132
	IR	450	116
	Screening Mammo	4,044	134
	Diagnostic Mammo	639	88
	Nuc Med	226	72
	Ultrasound	3,816	123
	Gen Rad/Fluoro	101	33
Zone 2	CT	2,954	74
	MR	1,969	122
	IR	260	40
	Screening Mammo	2,743	181
	Diagnostic Mammo	9	19
	Nuc Med	2,743	266
	Ultrasound	3,680	117
	Gen Rad/Fluoro	0	10
Zone 3	CT	1,221	71
	MR-DECRH	1,734	325
	MR-URVH	1,166	473
	IR	75	8
	Screening Mammo	2,015	63
	Diagnostic Mammo	920	120
	Nuc Med	180	120
	Ultrasound	1,555	203
	Gen Rad/Fluoro	350	41
Zone 4	CT	653	92
	MR	726	105
	Screening Mammo	1,951	24
	Diagnostic Mammo	292	37
	Ultrasound	873	201
	Gen Rad/Fluoro	1,207	66
CT		6,760	86
MR		7,366	210
IR		785	59
Screening Mammography		10,753	242
Diagnostic Mammography		1,851	73
Nuclear Medicine		3,149	59
Ultrasound		9,924	76
Gen Radiography/Fluoroscopy		1,658	29

*Green highlight means wait time is under Canadian National Standards

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Mon, Jan 23, 7:13 AM



to me ▾

Dear Mrs. Schulz:

The Department of Health has reviewed your request, received on December 20, 2022, under the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* about the number of patients on various waitlists.

As of Dec 5, 2022, the number of prioritized surgeries waiting is 23,416. One patient can be waiting for multiple procedures. The Department of Health does not have data related to the number of patients waiting for a diagnostic scan or appointment with a specialist.

If you are not satisfied with the response that has been provided, you may file a complaint with the Office of the Ombud as per section 67 of the Act within 40 business days of receiving this response or refer the matter to a judge of the Court of King's Bench as per section 65 of the Act within 40 business days of receiving this response.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact us at: DH-MS.InformationAccess-Accesalinformation@gnb.ca.

Sincerely,

Hon. Bruce Fitch

Minister

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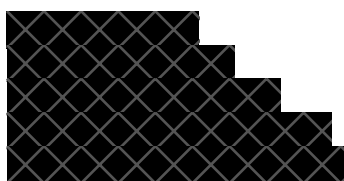
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File No : LDIPVP2022-23-035

Sent by e-mail

March 7th, 2023



Re: Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

LDIPVP2022-23-035

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.

Period : Data as of Jan 18th, 2023

We have reviewed and processed your request. Please see the attached documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Alexandre Couture". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Alexandre Couture
Coordinator, Access to Information

c.c. Diane Mignault, Corporate Director, Information and Organizational Risk Management and Chief Privacy Officer

Surgeries waiting Vitalité Health Network January 18th , 2023

Zone-Facilities			Number of Surgeries Waiting within target timeframe	Total Number of Surgeries Waiting	% Waiting within target timeframe	Median wait time in days	75th percentile wait time in days	90th percentile wait time in days
Vitalité Health Network - Zone 1	Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre	Category I (within 3 weeks)	41	95	43 %	27	42	58
		Category II (within 6 weeks)	82	138	59 %	34	59	89
		Category III (within 3 months)	279	482	58 %	72	125	205
		Category IV (within 12 months)	1,744	1,845	95 %	106	212	293
		All (within 12 months)	2,442	2,560	95 %	85	188	273

Zone-Facilities			Number of Surgeries Waiting within target timeframe	Total Number of Surgeries Waiting	% Waiting within target timeframe	Median wait time in days	75th percentile wait time in days	90th percentile wait time in days
Vitalité Health Network - Zone 4	Edmundston Regional Hospital	Category I (within 3 weeks)	4	10	40 %	31	56	71
		Category II (within 6 weeks)	25	53	47 %	47	91	156
		Category III (within 3 months)	125	219	57 %	79	124	190
		Category IV (within 12 months)	259	264	98 %	99	188	273
		All (within 12 months)	536	546	98 %	82	141	246
	Grand Falls General Hospital	Category I (within 3 weeks)	0	0	-	-	-	-
		Category II (within 6 weeks)	3	8	38 %	57	57	57
		Category III (within 3 months)	15	33	45 %	85	107	246
		Category IV (within 12 months)	734	734	100 %	79	127	204
		All (within 12 months)	775	775	100 %	79	127	205

Zone-Facilities			Number of Surgeries Waiting within target timeframe	Total Number of Surgeries Waiting	% Waiting within target timeframe	Median wait time in days	75th percentile wait time in days	90th percentile wait time in days
Vitalité Health Network - Zone 5	Campbellton Regional Hospital	Category I (within 3 weeks)	4	15	27 %	44	50	85
		Category II (within 6 weeks)	30	44	68 %	26	55	83
		Category III (within 3 months)	167	267	63 %	63	113	160
		Category IV (within 12 months)	125	126	99 %	72	118	212
		All (within 12 months)	450	452	100 %	57	106	160

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Vitalité Health Network - Zone 6	Acadie-Bathurst Ophthalmology Centre	Category I (within 3 weeks)	0	0	-	-	-	-
		Category II (within 6 weeks)	50	184	27 %	97	170	355
		Category III (within 3 months)	9	17	53 %	59	163	379
		Category IV (within 12 months)	433	533	81 %	105	288	557
		All (within 12 months)	617	734	84 %	104	257	484
	Chaleur Regional Hospital	Category I (within 3 weeks)	12	58	21 %	45	78	106
		Category II (within 6 weeks)	38	187	20 %	81	132	218
		Category III (within 3 months)	245	696	35 %	131	242	392
		Category IV (within 12 months)	431	527	82 %	195	323	441
		All (within 12 months)	1,290	1,468	88 %	126	253	399

Patients en attente pour une consultation avec un spécialiste. 2023-01-18

Please note

Number of patients waiting list for an appointment with a specialist: The data provided in the document is incomplete. We only have data for zone 4 and zone 5. In addition, a proportion of referrals are handled by specialists' private practices. That said, the data does not reflect the whole picture.

Hôpital régional d'Edmundston

Spécialité	Attente pour référence
Neurologue	347 patients
Cardiologue-pédiatre	7 patients

Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph de Saint-Quentin

Spécialité	Attente pour référence
Ophtalmologie	261 patients
Médecine interne	335 patients
Médecine interne	282 patients
Chirurgie mineure	158 patients

Centre de santé communautaire St. Joseph (Dalhousie)

Spécialité	Attente pour référence
Chirurgie Générale	120 patients
Urologie	33 patients
Dermatologie	97 patients
ORL	8 patients
Orthopédie	167 patients

Hôpital Régional de Campbellton

Spécialiste	Attente pour référence
Gynécologie	14 patients
Orthopédie	205 patients
Urologie	63 patients

Hôpital général de Grand-Sault

Spécialiste	Attente pour référence
Interniste	276 patients

Patients en attente pour une consultation avec un spécialiste. 2023-01-18

Chirurgien	1276 patients
Orthopédiste	130 Patients
Dermathologiste	134 Patients
Ophthalmologiste	418 Patients
ORL	669 Patients

Dec-22	Modality	Approx. # of Requisitions (Backlog)	Monthly Appointments
Zone 1 B	CT	3,042	1137
	MR	2,372	400
	IR	510	158
	Mammo Diag et Depist	4,796	743
	Nuc Med	568	296
	Ultrasound	3,123	740
	Gen Rad/Fluoro (exclus SMK)	3,988	1813
	Total	18,399	5287
Zone 4	CT	853	526
	MR	717	146
	Mammo Diag et Depist	938	273
	Nuc Med	221	140
	Ultrasound	458	280
	Gen Rad/Fluoro	515	356
Total	3702	1721	
Zone 5	CT	847	385
	MR	680	105
	Screening Mammo	231	58
	Diagnostic Mammo	255	68
	Ultrasound	1,136	436
	Gen Rad/Fluoro	238	458
Total	3,387	1510	
Zone 6	CT	1381	920
	MR	1377	359
	IR	N/A	N/A
	Screening Mammo	745	559
	Diagnostic Mammo	319	191
	Nuc Med	763	346
	Ultrasound	1897	1230
	Gen Rad/Fluoro	4667	1459
	Total	11,149	5064
VITALITÉ TOTAL		36,637	
CT		6,123	742
MR		5,146	253
IR		35	#VALUE!
Screening Mammo		6,710	408
Diagnostic Mammo		574	65

Nuc Med	1,552	196
Ultrasound	6,614	672
Gen Rad/Fluoro	9,408	1022