



# Ontario Health

April 26, 2023

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*Sent by E-mail*

**RE: Access Request OH23-009**

Dear Kristen,

I am writing regarding your access request OH23-009 made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) to Ontario Health on March 21, 2023 and clarified on March 27, 2023.

Your clarified request was for the following information:

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

*Currently on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure*

*Currently on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan*

*Please be sure to note the date the data was compiled.”*

A search has been conducted and the responsive information have been reviewed. A decision has been made to grant access to the responsive information. The official responsible for making the access decision to this record is Matthew Anderson, President and CEO, Ontario Health.

Section 57 of FIPPA requires fees to be charged for processing a request. The fee for processing your request was \$30. The breakdown for your fee is as follows:

- \$30 for 1 hour for searching and preparing the record

FIPPA provides that all or part of the fee can be waived if in our opinion it is fair and equitable to do so. The decision has been made to waive the fee for this request.

You may request the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario ('the IPC') to review this decision within 30 days from the date of this letter. The IPC's address is Suite 1400, 2 Bloor Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8. The appeal fee for a request like yours is \$25.00, payable by cheque or money order to the Minister of Finance. This fee must be included with your correspondence with the Commissioner's office. Please note that, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the IPC may have different or additional procedures for handling appeals and related fees at this time. You may wish to refer to the IPC website at [www.ipc.on.ca](http://www.ipc.on.ca), or phone the IPC at 1-800-387-0073, for details.

Should you have any questions, please contact us. We would appreciate you using our request number OH23-009 in any further correspondence with Ontario Health about this request.

Sincerely,

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## Freedom of Information and Access Request OH23-009 Responsive Records

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

- *Currently on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure*

### **Surgical Wait List Data:**

| Data pull on March 31, 2023         | Wait List (as of Mar 20, 2023) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total Volumes on Surgical Wait List | 205,460                        |

- *Currently on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan*

### **Diagnostic Scan Wait List Data:**

| Data pull on March 31, 2023   | Wait List (as of Mar 20, 2023) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total Volumes Diagnostic Scan | 507,807                        |

**Note:** During the COVID-19 pandemic urgent and emergent surgeries have always been done without delay, however, there have been periods where scheduled surgeries have had to be halted. The number of Ontarians waiting for an OR-based surgical procedure is about the same as it was pre-pandemic. It has been declining for several months because more people are getting their surgeries done than are being added to the wait list. The most current wait list numbers are not fully complete and will stabilize over the next 4-6 months for surgery and 2 months for diagnostic imaging. As such current wait list numbers need to be interpreted with caution.