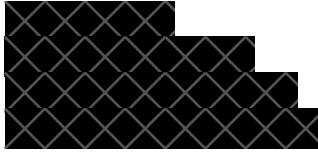




May 31, 2023

Delivered Via Email



Dear Kristen,

Re: Halton Healthcare FOI Request #2-2023 – Decision Letter

We are writing in response to your two access requests under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, which we received on May 2, 2023 together with the \$10 application fee.

Your requests were as follows:

FOI – DIAGNOSTIC / CONSULTATION WITH SPECIALIST:

Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for either a diagnostic scan or a consultation with a specialist in fiscal year 2022-23. Please break the data out by procedure and case info – date the patient went on the waiting list, date for the meeting with 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.)

Time period: April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

and

FOI – SURGICAL CASES:

Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure in fiscal year 2022-23. Please break the data out by surgery/procedure and case information – date the patient was referred to a specialist, decision date, date for the procedure, and 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.)

Time period: April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

We are providing **access** to responsive records in our custody and control regarding the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for:

- (a) Either a diagnostic scan or a consultation with a specialist between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023; and
- (b) Surgery or a procedure between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

Attached to this email are the records as two PDF documents.



Please refer to the Health Quality Ontario website to obtain the relevant target wait times in respect of your inquiry. You can find the information at the following link:

https://www.hqontario.ca/System-Performance/utm_medium/Referral?utm_source=Ontario.ca&utm_campaign=WT%20Referral.

In reviewing this information as it applies to wait times for a surgery or a procedure, we wish to caution you with respect to the quality of the data available. The quality of the data is subject to many constraints, including the following:

- Certain adjustments to the reported wait times may not be made consistently or at all. For example, where the length of time a patient waits for a surgery or a procedure increases due to a patient initiated delay, that period of delay should be excluded from the reported wait time. However, this may not be done consistently in all cases;
- Wait time reporting for surgeries and procedures are completed by surgeons' clinical offices and the reporting process can vary from office to office; and
- We may only become aware of a patient having died while on a waitlist when we call to book the actual appointment.

With respect to wait times for specialist consultations, we caution that this is currently a manual process, there are no standardized reporting practices applicable to this data point and it may, therefore, be prone to underreporting.

You may request that this decision be reviewed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. Please note you have 30 days from receipt of this letter to request this review. The Commissioner can be reached at:

Registrar-Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
1400 – 2 Bloor Street East
Toronto, ON M4W 1A8
1-800-787-0073

Should you decide to appeal this decision, please provide the Commissioner's office with:

- A copy of this decision letter
- A copy of your original access request; and
- The reason for your appeal.

Appeals to the Commissioner must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. If your access request is for you personally, the appeal fee is \$10.00. The appeal fee for all other access requests is \$25.00. Please include the fee with your letter of appeal. Appeal fees should be in the form of a cheque or money order, payable to the Minister of Finance.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sandy Vrban", written in a cursive style.

Sandy Vrban
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svrban@haltonhealthcare.com

Halton Healthcare Total Distinct Patient Visit IDs who had Cancelled Clinic Visit, and with reason for cancellation = 'EXP'

Includes appointment types: "Consult"; "CT", "Mammography", "MRI", "Pulmonary Function Test", "US", "Video Fluoro**"

Cancellation Date FY 2022/23

Source: Meditech Expense

Summary by Category:

Distinct Count	FiscalYear
Group	Category
FY 2022/23	
Consult	Waiting for Specialist Consult
30	
Consult Total	30
DI	CT
	Mammography
	MRI
	Pulmonary Function Test
	Ultrasound
	Video Fluoroscopy
DI Total	98
Grand Total	128

Summary by Procedure Details:

Distinct Count					FiscalYear
Facility	Group	Category	ApptProcedure.Name	Date	FY 2022/23
GDH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	7/15/2022	1
GDH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	11/9/2022	1
GDH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/ contrast	4/14/2022	1
GDH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/ contrast	3/13/2023	1
GDH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/o contrast	7/11/2022	1
GDH	DI	Ultrasound	US Biopsy Thyroid	1/27/2023	1
GDH	DI	Ultrasound	US Carotid Doppler	8/8/2022	1
GDH	DI	Ultrasound	US Renal/Bladder	10/3/2022	1
MDH	DI	CT	CT Abdomen/Pelvis w/o contrast	8/8/2022	1
MDH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	4/6/2022	1
MDH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	11/1/2022	1
MDH	DI	CT	CT Enterography	11/16/2022	1
MDH	DI	CT	CT Head w/ contrast	3/2/2023	1
MDH	DI	MRI	MRI Abdomen w/o contrast	5/12/2022	1
MDH	DI	MRI	MRI Lumbar Spine w/o contrast	5/24/2022	1
MDH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	5/6/2022	1
MDH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	1/3/2023	1
MDH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	3/22/2023	1
MDH	DI	Ultrasound	US Abdomen	8/9/2022	1
MDH	DI	Ultrasound	US Abdomen	3/30/2023	1
MDH	DI	Video Fluoroscopy	VideoFluoroscopic Swallow 60Mins.	6/7/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	4/13/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	4/18/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	5/30/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	6/13/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	6/20/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	8/29/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	9/26/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	10/24/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	10/31/2022	2
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	11/21/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	1/23/2023	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	3/8/2023	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	3/20/2023	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Consultation	3/22/2023	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Pacemaker Consultation 30 Min.	4/6/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Cardio Pacemaker Consultation 30 Min.	7/27/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Med. Onc. Consult 60 Min	3/21/2023	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Med. Onc. Initial Consult	3/16/2023	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Medical Oncology Initial Consult	8/15/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Medical Oncology Initial Consult	3/6/2023	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Neuro Clinic - Consult 45 Mins.	4/1/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Neuro Clinic - Consult 45 Mins.	4/12/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Neuro Clinic - Consult 45 Mins.	4/21/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Neuro Clinic - Consult 45 Mins.	7/29/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Neuro Clinic - Consult 45 Mins.	11/28/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Oncology - Palliative Initial Consult	5/10/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Oncology - Palliative Initial Consult	6/7/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Oncology - Palliative Initial Consult	10/25/2022	1
OTMH	Consult	Waiting for specialist consult	Oncology - Palliative Initial Consult	11/15/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Abdomen/Pelvis w/ contrast	3/20/2023	1

OTMH	DI	CT	CT Aorta w/Runnoff	3/7/2023	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/ contrast	12/12/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	4/27/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	6/13/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	7/6/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	9/22/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	10/3/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	10/27/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	12/29/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest w/o contrast	3/2/2023	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/ contrast	4/28/2022	2
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/ contrast	5/6/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/ contrast	8/19/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/ contrast	2/9/2023	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/ contrast	2/17/2023	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/ contrast	3/21/2023	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/o contrast	6/8/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/o contrast	7/28/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/o contrast	7/29/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis w/o contrast	8/17/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Head w/ contrast	6/16/2022	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Head w/o contrast	2/13/2023	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Heart w/ contrast	1/31/2023	1
OTMH	DI	CT	CT Neck/Chest/Abdomen w/o contrast	8/15/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Mammography	Mammography OBSP	5/30/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Mammography	Mammography Screening	10/14/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Mammography	Mammography Screening	11/17/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Mammography	Mammography Screening	1/5/2023	1
OTMH	DI	Mammography	Mammography Screening	2/21/2023	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Abdomen w/ contrast	7/29/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Cervical Spine w/ contrast	5/31/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Cervical Spine w/o contrast	8/31/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Femur Bilaterally w/ contrast	5/4/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/ contrast	4/26/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/ contrast	10/18/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/ contrast	10/27/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/ contrast	11/28/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/ contrast	3/2/2023	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/o contrast	6/15/2022	2
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/o contrast	7/27/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/o contrast	8/24/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/o contrast	11/21/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Head w/o contrast	3/1/2023	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Hip w/o contrast	5/24/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Lumbar Spine w/o contrast	5/6/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Lumbar/Sacral Spine w/o contrast	6/15/2022	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Pituitary w/ contrast	1/12/2023	1
OTMH	DI	MRI	MRI Thoracic/Lumbar w/o contrast	12/22/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	4/8/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	6/13/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	7/14/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	8/17/2022	1
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OTMH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	12/20/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	12/30/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	2/6/2023	1
OTMH	DI	Pulmonary Function Test	Pulmonary Function Test	3/10/2023	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Abdomen	4/25/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Abdomen	5/11/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Abdomen	6/10/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Abdomen	9/14/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Abdomen	10/17/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Abdomen	11/7/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Abdomen w/ Portal Dopp	3/10/2023	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Breast Follow up LT	12/30/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Pelvis TV	9/21/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Renal Transplant Work Up	1/31/2023	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Renal/Bladder	10/3/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Renal/Bladder	2/17/2023	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Vascular Arterial Dopplers	8/5/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Vascular Arterial/Venous Mapping	6/23/2022	1

OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Vascular Arterial/Venous Mapping	6/30/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Venous Doppler Arms	4/13/2022	1
OTMH	DI	Ultrasound	US Venous Doppler Legs	10/25/2022	1
Grand Total					128

Halton Healthcare Total Distinct Patient Visit IDs who had Cancelled surgical appointment with reason for cancellation = 'PTEXPIRED'

Scheduled Surgery Date FY 2022/23

Source: PICIS

FiscalYear fac_descr	Scheduled Surgery Date	Cancellation Date	Procedure Description	ReferralDate	DecisionToTreatDate	Total
FY 2022/2: Georgetown Hospital	5/30/2022	5/26/2022	Ureteroscopy, Lithotripsy with Laser	(blank)	4/19/2022	1
Milton District Hospital	8/8/2022	8/8/2022	Ureteroscopy, Lithotripsy with Laser	5/27/2022	6/15/2022	1
	2/14/2023	2/13/2023	Resection, Transurethral Bladder Tumour (TURBT)	1/9/2023	2/2/2023	1
Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital	5/3/2022	4/20/2022	Extraction, Cataract Phacoemulsification with IOL	(blank)	4/20/2021	1
	6/22/2022	6/14/2022	Delorme/Altmeier Procedure (for Rectal Prolapse)	2/28/2022	3/21/2022	1
	6/30/2022	6/26/2022	Paracentesis	(blank)	(blank)	1
	8/11/2022	8/5/2022	Colonoscopy.	(blank)	(blank)	1
	10/27/2022	10/14/2022	Insertion, Lap Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter	8/9/2022	8/11/2022	1
Grand Total						8