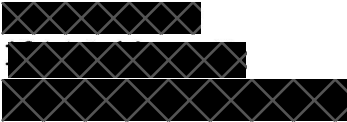




**Lakeridge
Health**

June 15, 2023



VIA CANADA POST

RE: Decision Letter; LH FOI File# 2023-011

Dear Ms. Schulz,

Thank you for your request which was received by our office on May 1, 2023.

We have made the following decision in response to your request for information made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for access to:

1. Data on the # of patients that died while on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure in fiscal year 2021-2022.
 - o Please break the data out by:
 - a) Procedure & Case info
 - b) Date the patient was referred to a Specialist
 - c) Decision date
 - d) Date for the procedure
 - e) Date of cancellation
2. Please note the government's target time for providing the procedure in question.

I am pleased to grant you access to items #1a, #1b, #1c, #1d, and #2.

Access cannot be provided to item# 1e, as the records do not exist, as the provincial system did not include it in the extract. You may be able to obtain this information via the provincial WTIS (Wait Time Information System) Portal.

Section 57 of the Act permits the hospital to charge certain fees in connection with a request for access. In order to provide you with access to the requested records, you must pay **\$0.00** (all fees waived due to delay in processing).

If you wish to claim or ask for a waiver of the fee, please notify myself as soon as possible. You may be required to prove proof to support any waiver claims.

If you disagree with any aspect of the fees, or wish to revise your request, please discuss the matter with us. You may request this fee estimate be reviewed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at my below noted contact information.

We would appreciate you using the request number assigned to your request in any further correspondence.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Data* re: FOI# 2023-011 (number of patients that died while on a waiting list for surgery or procedure in fiscal year 2022-23

Lakeridge Health's wait times are measured against the targets set by the provincial government. Information on provincial wait time performance and standards is published on the Health Quality Ontario (Ontario Health – Quality) website.

For ease of reference, please see the links below for further information:

- Wait time performance: <https://www.hqontario.ca/System-Performance/Wait-Times-for-Diagnostic-Imaging>
- FAQs: <https://www.hqontario.ca/System-Performance/Measuring-SystemPerformance/Questions-and-Answers-on-Wait-Times>

Service Area	Service Detail	Referral Date	Decision To Treat Date	Scheduled Procedure Date	Wait/Access Target (Days)
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	08/24/2020	09/29/2020	01/01/9999	182
Urologic Surgery	Benign Bladder Surgery		01/25/2022	04/11/2022	182
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	09/21/2021	09/25/2021	01/01/9999	182
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	01/11/2021	01/20/2021	01/01/9999	182
Urologic Surgery	Benign Testes Surgery	03/11/2021	06/02/2021	01/17/2022	182
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		12/17/2021	01/01/9999	182
General Surgery	Digestive System Surgery		04/08/2022	05/12/2022	84
Ophthalmic Surgery	Retina - Vitrectomy	04/14/2021	04/19/2021	01/01/9999	42
Oncology Procedures	Breast	05/25/2020	07/23/2020	01/01/9999	84
Orthopaedic Surgery	Hip	08/12/2020	09/10/2020	01/01/9999	182
Orthopaedic Surgery	Ankle		03/20/2022	01/01/9999	182
Urologic Surgery	Benign Bladder Surgery		04/21/2022	05/18/2022	182
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	05/11/2021	06/04/2021	01/01/9999	182
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	05/11/2021	06/04/2021	01/01/9999	182
Oncology Procedures	Ophthalmic	03/30/2022	04/13/2022	01/01/9999	28
General Surgery	Anorectal Surgery	03/02/2020	07/24/2020	01/01/9999	182
General Surgery	Hernia Surgery	07/08/2021	04/25/2022	01/01/9999	182
Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)		02/23/2022	06/16/2022	14
Oncology Procedures	Lung	12/30/2021	01/07/2022	01/18/2022	14
Urologic Surgery	Benign Bladder Surgery		06/30/2022	07/06/2022	84
Otolaryngic Surgery	Benign Oral Cavity Surgery	06/10/2022	06/23/2022	06/27/2022	112
Gynaecologic Surgery	Benign Vulva/Vaginal Surgery (excluding prolapse)	01/13/2022	01/28/2022	05/19/2022	182
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		03/11/2022	01/01/9999	182
Oncology Procedures	Ophthalmic	05/05/2022	07/27/2022	09/19/2022	28

Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)		01/21/2022	08/12/2022	14
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		06/22/2022	09/02/2022	182
Urologic Surgery	Penile Surgery		10/04/2022	10/28/2022	182
Oncology Procedures	Gynaecological	06/13/2022	07/22/2022	10/12/2022	28
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		04/26/2022	11/07/2022	182
Oncology Procedures	Gynaecological	01/26/2022	02/04/2022	01/01/9999	28
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		08/29/2022	11/07/2022	182
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		11/30/2021	02/09/2022	84
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	10/20/2021	12/15/2021	01/01/9999	84
Thoracic Surgery	Benign Esophageal/Diaphragm Surgery		07/18/2022	08/10/2022	182
Oncology Procedures	Lung	08/18/2022	09/07/2022	10/13/2022	28
General Surgery	Digestive System Surgery	05/06/2022	10/07/2022	12/14/2022	182
Oncology Procedures	Digestive System - Colorectal	10/25/2022	11/01/2022	01/01/9999	28
Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)		07/18/2022	11/22/2022	14
Thoracic Surgery	Benign Esophageal/Diaphragm Surgery		11/28/2022	12/02/2022	84
Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)		11/01/2022	11/07/2022	14
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract	08/16/2022	09/12/2022	11/18/2022	182
General Surgery	Peritoneal Disease Surgery		09/12/2022	11/09/2022	84
General Surgery	Skin and Structures Surgery	09/20/2022	11/11/2022	01/26/2023	182
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		02/02/2022	01/01/9999	182
Paediatric Otolaryngic Surgery	Otologic Surgery		12/15/2022	01/01/9999	42
Urologic Surgery	Benign Bladder Surgery		01/03/2023	01/23/2023	182
Gynaecologic Surgery	Prolapse Surgery (including hysterectomy/repairs)		11/07/2022	03/23/2023	182
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		11/17/2022	01/03/2023	182
Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)		03/05/2020	11/03/2022	14
Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)		01/06/2023	03/08/2023	84
Ophthalmic Surgery	Cataract		10/22/2022	12/29/2022	182
General Surgery	Hernia Surgery	11/03/2021	04/20/2022	06/24/2022	84
Oncology Procedures	Genitourinary (excluding Prostate)		06/21/2022	02/28/2023	14
Orthopaedic Surgery	Knee		08/04/2022	01/25/2023	182
General Surgery	Digestive System Surgery		02/13/2023	05/10/2023	84

* Interpretation Notes

- Based on Health Card Number (not provided herein), some patients had two entries in the wait list, usually for multiple procedures such as MRI+CT, or CT Abdomen + CT Thorax, etc. As such, the total number of rows is not equal to the total number of unique patients.
- Please note that this report cannot be used to determine a correlation between the wait time for diagnostic imaging or surgical procedure and patient death.
- The information attached is representative of the cancellation date entered in the system for patients that died while on a wait list in FY2021/22, which may not be reflective of the specific date the patient died. Instead, this cancellation date represents when the wait list entry was cancelled or last updated.
- Further, please note that some scheduled procedures may have been in the process of being scheduled (01/01/9999) or rescheduled at the time of the patient's death. In the case of the latter, scheduling may have been on hold pending a determination of readiness to proceed.
- Generally, scheduling may be impacted for a number of reasons, including patient-specific medical and non-medical circumstances such as: awaiting patient recovery, maturation (in the case of paediatric patients), medical stability (fitness for surgery), further work-up/testing results, other procedures and/or patient deferral. 'Days Affecting Readiness to Treat', as these aforementioned scenarios are termed in the Wait Time Information System (the source of this data), are not included herein.