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RE: Access Decision for Freedom of Information Request 2023-011A

Dear Kristen,

This letter is in response to file number 2023-011A - your request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for access to:

“Please provide data on the number of patients that dies while on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure in fiscal year 2022-2023. 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 canceled operations).

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

I am pleased to grant you access to the above-mentioned data.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (519) 685-8500 ext. 75469.

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

Sincerely,



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Encl: FOI request 2023-011A (1), Cardiac Patients That Died While on a Waiting List for a Cardiac Procedure FY2223 (1), Surgical Patients That Died While on a Waiting List for a Surgical Procedure FY2223 (3)

Cardiac Care - Deaths on Wait List

FY 22-23

Includes any patient waiting for a Cardiac procedure, who died after the referral date and before the procedure.

Patient	Procedure Type	Referral Date	Acceptance Date	Death Date	Recommended Wait 2 Time (Days)
1	Diagnostic Cath Angiogram	4/11/2022	4/12/2022	5/1/2022	12
2	Diagnostic Cath Other	4/26/2022	4/26/2022	5/12/2022	0
3	Valve Only (AS, MR, AR)	4/20/2022	NULL	5/13/2022	14
4	Percutaneous coronary intervention	5/13/2022	NULL	5/16/2022	4
5	Valve Only (AS, MR, AR)	4/19/2022	NULL	5/24/2022	90
6	Diagnostic Cath Other	4/29/2022	4/29/2022	5/30/2022	0
7	Diagnostic Cath Angiogram	6/16/2022	6/26/2022	6/26/2022	34
8	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting and Valve Procedure	8/11/2022	NULL	8/16/2022	NULL
9	Diagnostic Cath Angiogram	7/18/2022	8/9/2022	8/26/2022	23
10	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	10/20/2022	NULL	10/22/2022	51
11	Valve Only (AS, MR, AR)	6/2/2022	8/22/2022	11/1/2022	14
12	Diagnostic Cath Angiogram	10/7/2022	11/2/2022	11/19/2022	23
13	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	5/12/2022	NULL	11/19/2022	57
14	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	11/14/2022	NULL	11/19/2022	1
15	Aortic Operation	7/21/2021	NULL	11/21/2022	0
16	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	11/25/2022	NULL	11/29/2022	8
17	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	12/13/2022	NULL	1/5/2023	31
18	Valve Only (AS, MR, AR)	12/14/2021	5/3/2022	1/5/2023	90
19	Diagnostic Cath Angiogram	1/23/2023	1/27/2023	2/2/2023	12
20	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	12/12/2022	NULL	2/10/2023	88
21	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting and Valve Procedure	1/16/2023	NULL	2/11/2023	3
22	Valve Only (AS, MR, AR)	7/4/2022	11/29/2022	3/15/2023	90
23	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	3/28/2023	NULL	3/29/2023	2

Patients that Died While Waiting for an Elective Surgery Procedure (Includes Access To Care (ATC) Wait Times Information System (WTIS) services which do not contain cardiac) Fiscal Year 2022/23

This report was produced in response to a Freedom of Information Request made to the Decision Support. The request was data on the number of patients who died while waiting for their elective surgery procedure.

The LHSC Surgery WTIS and Cerner data mart sources were used to identify these cases that were cancelled due to 'Patient Deceased' in FY2223.

The **Removed from List date** was used as a proxy for the **death date** as the **actual date of death is not an ATC data entry requirement from the Ministry**, or in the data sources used for this report.

Additionally, many patients delayed their surgeries for their own reasons and these cases were deleted from this list as these patients were not actively waiting at that time.

Surgeon's office staff will cancel surgery appointments or patients from the surgical request list when they find out that the patient is deceased. However, there is no reliable method to collect or interface real time information for deaths that happen outside outside LHSC.

FY2223	Otolaryngic Surgery,Thyroid Surgery,	7/13/2022	7/13/2022	0	0	4	182	-182	7/13/2022	1/1/9999	3/30/2023	0	260	3	112	148	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Oncology Procedures,Genitourinary (excluding Prostate),Diagnostic	7/3/2022	7/18/2022	0	15				7/18/2022	1/1/9999	12/15/2022	173	-23		14	-37	7/19/2022	1/8/2023	Neo-adjuvant Chemotherapy	Not Actively Waiting
FY2223	Orthopaedic Surgery,Knee ,Primary Total Joint Replacement	4/4/2022	7/28/2022	0	115	3	90		7/28/2022	1/1/9999	1/29/2023	0	185	3	84	101	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Oncology Procedures,Head and Neck (excluding Thyroid),Treatment	N/A	N/A	0					8/2/2022	1/1/9999	10/5/2022	35	29	3	28	1	8/31/2022	1/1/2100	Pre-defined follow-up interval	Not Actively Waiting
FY2223	Orthopaedic Surgery,Hip ,Primary Total Joint Replacement	2/11/2022	8/8/2022	0	178	4	182	-4	8/8/2022	11/15/2022	11/22/2022	0	106	4	182	-76	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	General Surgery,Hernia Surgery,Groin	N/A	N/A	0					8/26/2022	1/1/9999	1/4/2023	0	131	3	84	47	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Otolaryngic Surgery,Upper Airway Surgery,Larynx Surgery	N/A	N/A	0					9/6/2022	1/1/9999	1/16/2023	0	132	3	112	20	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Orthopaedic Surgery,Knee ,Primary Total Joint Replacement	N/A	N/A	0					10/6/2022	1/1/9999	1/8/2023	0	94	3	84	10	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	General Surgery,Hernia Surgery,Groin	N/A	N/A	0					10/13/2022	1/1/9999	11/25/2022	0	43	3	84	-41	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Oncology Procedures,Genitourinary (excluding Prostate),Treatment	10/3/2022	10/20/2022	0	17	3	21	-4	10/20/2022	1/1/9999	12/3/2022	0	44	3	28	16	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Oncology Procedures,Head and Neck (excluding Thyroid),Treatment	N/A	N/A	0					10/21/2022	1/1/9999	11/29/2022	0	39	4	84	-45	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry,Dental/Periodontal/Dento-Alveolar Procedures,Dent	10/14/2022	10/25/2022	0	11	4	182	-171	10/25/2022	1/1/9999	3/30/2023	0	156	4	182	-26	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	General Surgery,Digestive System Surgery,Gallbladder	1/18/2022	11/15/2022	0	301	4	182		11/15/2022	1/1/9999	12/17/2022	0	32	4	182	-150	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Orthopaedic Surgery,Hip ,Revision Total Joint Replacement	11/20/2022	11/20/2022	0	0	2	30	-30	11/20/2022	11/25/2022	11/25/2022	0	5	2	42	-37	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Oncology Procedures,Head and Neck (excluding Thyroid),Treatment	12/2/2022	12/2/2022	0	0	3	21	-21	12/2/2022	12/29/2022	12/18/2022	0	16	3	28	-12	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Orthopaedic Surgery,Knee ,Primary Total Joint Replacement	N/A	N/A	0					12/22/2022	1/1/9999	2/13/2023	0	53	4	182	-129	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Paediatric Otolaryngic Surgery,Upper Airway Surgery,Other Upper Airway Surgery	N/A	N/A	0					1/10/2023	3/13/2023	2/23/2023	0	44	3	42	2	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	General Surgery,Hernia Surgery,Groin	10/17/2022	1/11/2023	0	86	4	182	-96	1/11/2023	1/1/9999	3/1/2023	0	49	4	182	-133	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	General Surgery,Hernia Surgery,Groin	N/A	N/A	0					1/25/2023	1/1/9999	2/10/2023	0	16	4	182	-166	N/A	N/A		Waiting
FY2223	Oncology Procedures,Head and Neck (excluding Thyroid),Treatment	1/16/2023	1/23/2023	0	7	3	21	-14	3/3/2023	1/1/9999	3/24/2023	0	21	3	28	-7	N/A	N/A		Waiting

Definitions:

DARC Days - Dates Affecting Readiness to Consult. This is the # of days that the patient advised that they were not available to attend a physician consult appointment. This stops the wait time clock, so those days aren't counted against target wait time.

DART Days - Dates Affecting Readiness to Consult. This is the # of days that the patient advised that they were not available to have their surgery procedure. This stops the wait time clock, so those days aren't counted against target wait time.

Wait 1 Days - Time between "referral received date" and "consult" appointment date with surgeon, minus any DARCs.

Wait 2 Days - Time between "decision to treat date" and "OR surgery procedure date" minus any DARTs.

Actively Waiting? - If the patient was removed from the list during the DART period, they wouldn't be considered waiting for surgery.