



# Ontario Health

June 5, 2023

*Sent by E-mail*

**RE: Access Request OH23-014**

Dear Kristen Schulz:

I am writing regarding your access request OH23-014 made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)* to Ontario Health on May 5, 2023 and clarified on May 10, 2023. Your clarified request was for:

*The overall number of people who died while on a waiting list for a surgery in 2022-23.*

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 \$30.00. The breakdown for your fee is as follows:

- \$30 for 1 hours 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 OH23-014 in any further correspondence with Ontario Health about this request.

Sincerely,

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**Freedom of Information and Access Request OH23-014 Responsive Records**

*[Request] The overall number of people who died while on a waiting list for surgery in 2022-23.*

**Surgery – Wait List Deaths**

The overall number of people who died while on a waiting list for a surgery in 2022-23 is 2,096.

**Note:** The above number constitutes 0.80% of the wait list size.

*Procedure No Longer Required Reason = Patient Death (data from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023).*

**Note:** The information provided should be interpreted with caution. Mortality can be affected by many complex and interrelated factors (e.g., clinical, socioeconomic, cultural). The above surgical statistics do not indicate that patients passed away as a result of wait times for a surgical procedure.



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**RE: Access Request OH23-015**

Dear Kristen Schulz:

I am writing regarding your access request OH23-015 made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)* to Ontario Health on May 5, 2023 and clarified on May 10, 2023. Your clarified request was for:

*The overall number of people who died while on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan in 2022-23.*

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.

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Should you have any questions, please contact us. We would appreciate you using our request number OH23-015 in any further correspondence with Ontario Health about this request.

Sincerely,

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## Freedom of Information and Access Request OH23-015 Responsive Records

*[Request] The overall number of people who died while on a waiting list for diagnostic scans in 2022-23.*

### Diagnostic Scans – Wait List Deaths

The overall number of people who died while on a waiting list for diagnostic scans in 2022-23 = 9,404

**Note:** The above number constitutes 1.83%% of the wait list size.

*Data from iPort Access (May 10, 2023), count of cancelled DI Wait list entries with the Procedure No Longer Required Reason = Patient Death (data from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023).*

**Note:** The information provided should be interpreted with caution. Mortality can be affected by many complex and interrelated factors (e.g., clinical, socioeconomic, cultural). The above statistics do not indicate that patients passed away as a result of wait times for a diagnostic scan.



## Freedom of Information and Access Request OH23-013 Responsive Records

*“Please provide data on the number of patients that died in Ontario in 2021-22 and 2022-23 while waiting for cardiac surgery.”*

### **Cardia Surgery Deaths Data:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Deaths while waiting for cardiac surgery</b>	<b>People on Waitlist in FY</b>
2021/22YE	81	14,980
2022/23YE	95	15,927

**Note:** The information provided should be interpreted with caution. Mortality can be affected by many complex and interrelated factors (e.g., clinical, socioeconomic, cultural). The above surgical statistics do not indicate that patients passed away as a result of wait times for a surgical procedure.