



# Ontario Health

November 2, 2023

*Sent by E-mail*

**RE: Access Request OH23-030**

Dear Kristin,

I am writing to update you on your request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), which was received by our office on September 8, 2023. You requested the following information:

*Please provide data on the number of patients that died in Ontario, while waiting for cardiac surgery, between 2013-14 and 2022-23. Please break the data out by year and also note for each year the number that died after waiting longer than the maximum recommended wait time.*

A search has been conducted and the responsive records have been reviewed. A decision has been made to grant access to the responsive records. 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 \$360. The breakdown for your fee is as follows:

- \$360 for search time and records preparation based on 15 hours of time @ \$30 per hour

Your full fee payment was received at our office on October 13, 2023. The responsive records will be released to you with this decision letter.

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. 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 OH23-030 in any further correspondence with Ontario Health about this request.

Sincerely,

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Fiscal Year	Deaths While Waiting for Cardiac Surgery	Deaths While Waiting Longer Than RMWT* <small>*Recommended Maximum Wait Time</small>
2013/14YE	61	13
2014/15YE	84	23
2015/16YE	93	20
2016/17YE	85	18
2017/18YE	85	21
2018/19YE	108	18
2019/20YE	113	24
2020/21YE	118	40
2021/22YE	83	31
2022/23YE	101	36

**Note:** The information provided should be interpreted with caution. Mortality can be affected by many complex and interrelated factors. The above statistics do not indicate that patients passed away as a result of wait times for surgery.