



Ontario Health

June 20, 2024

Sent by E-mail

RE: Access Request OH24-015

Dear Kristen,

I am writing regarding your access request OH24-015 made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) to Ontario Health on April 22, 2024 and clarified on May 17, 2024.

Your clarified request was for the following information:

Please provide the most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are:

- *Currently on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure*
- *Currently on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan*

Please be sure to note the date the data was compiled.

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 \$15.00. The breakdown for your fee is as follows:

- \$15.00 for 0.5 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. A decision has been made to waive this fee.

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, 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 OH24-015 in any further correspondence with Ontario Health about this request.

Sincerely,

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Freedom of Information and Access Request OH24-015 Responsive Records

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- Currently on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure
- Currently on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan

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Surgical Wait List Data:

Data pull as of June 12, 2024	Wait list cases volume as of May 31, 2024
Ontario Surgical Wait List	185,081

Diagnostic Scan Wait List Data:

Data pull as of June 10, 2024	Wait List as of May 31, 2024
MRI Wait List	301,916
CT Wait List	306,094

Note: During the COVID-19 pandemic, urgent and emergent surgeries were prioritized and completed without delay, however, there have been periods that required scheduled surgeries to be cancelled and rescheduled. The number of Ontarians waiting for an OR-based surgical procedure is about the same as it was pre-pandemic. The most current wait list numbers will stabilize over the next 4-6 months for surgery and 2 months for diagnostic imaging. As such current wait list numbers need to be interpreted with caution.