

Information Access-Accès à l'information (DH/MS)

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Wed, Aug 14, 12:25 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮

Dear Mrs. Schulz:

The Department of Health has reviewed your requests, received on July 3, 2024, under the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:

Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure in fiscal year 2023-24. Please break the data out by procedure and case info – 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 cancelled operations).

Please find the requested documents attached.

For your second inquiry:

Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for either a diagnostic scan or a consultation with a specialist in fiscal year 2023-24. Please break the data out by procedure and case info and date the patient went on the waiting list, date for the meeting with a specialist or date for diagnostic scan (if scheduled), and date of cancellation. Please also note the government's target time for providing the consultation or scan in question. (Note: many hospitals/health regions were able to identify such cases as they track the reason for cancelled operations).

I wish to advise you that the Department does not have any documents pertaining to your request.

If you are not satisfied with the response that has been provided, you may file a complaint with the Office of the Ombud as per section 67 of the Act within 40 business days of receiving this response or refer the matter to a judge of the Court of King's Bench as per section 65 of the Act within 40 business days of receiving this response.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact us at: DH-MS.InformationAccess-Accesalinformation@gnb.ca.

Sincerely,

Hon. Bruce Fitch
Minister

New Brunswick - Deceased patients removed from waitlist

Source: Surgical Access Registry
 April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Provincial Procedure	Reason for Cancellation	# of Cancellations	Date of Decision	Recommended Surgery Timeframe	Reported month of Death ****
Cataract	Unavailable in 2023 for health problems	0	2021/06/14	within 12 months	Apr-23
Cataract		0	2022/02/09	within 6 weeks	Apr-23
Cystoscope	Patient unavailable/Medically not clear	2	2022/11/01		May-23
Cataract		0	2022/09/07	within 12 months	Jun-23
Insertion Baclofen Pump		0	2021/12/02	within 12 months	Jun-23
Pacemaker Battery Change		0	2023/05/19		Jun-23
Cataract		0	2022/07/21	within 12 months	Jun-23
Cataract		0	2022/09/19	within 6 weeks	Jul-23
Hernia Repair		0	2022/12/19	within 12 months	Aug-23
ARTHROPLASTY,SHOULDER,TOTAL REPLACE	Patient medically not clear	1	2022/10/03	within 3 months	Aug-23
Cystoscope		0	2023/02/27		Aug-23
Cataract		0	2022/12/06	within 12 months	Aug-23
Cataract	Patient medically not clear	1	2022/07/04	within 12 months	Aug-23
AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT			2021/06/02	within 6 weeks	Aug-23
PANCREATODUODENAL RESECTION		0	2023/04/05	within 3 months	Sep-23
Cataract		0	2022/06/15	within 6 weeks	Sep-23
Cystoscope			2023/03/28		Sep-23
Cystoscope		0	2023/01/17	within 12 months	Sep-23
Cystoscope		0	2023/06/28		Sep-23
Cataract		0	2023/03/22	within 3 months	Sep-23
Dental Extraction		0	2022/10/19	within 3 months	Sep-23
Septoplasty		0	2022/01/12	within 12 months	Sep-23
Cataract		0	2022/05/17	within 6 weeks	Sep-23
Cataract		0	2022/01/28	within 6 weeks	Sep-23
Cataract	Patient medically not clear	1	2021/11/25	within 6 weeks	Oct-23
Cataract		0	2022/07/06	within 6 weeks	Nov-23
Hernia Repair		0	2022/06/22	within 3 months	Nov-23
Cataract		0	2023/05/01	within 12 months	Nov-23
Cataract	Patient medically not clear	1	2022/11/02	within 12 months	Dec-23
Cataract		0	2022/01/20	within 6 weeks	Dec-23
Hernia Repair	Schedule modification/Patient medically not clear	2	2022/09/14	within 3 months	Dec-23
Cystoscope	Patient medically not clear / unavailable	3	2022/07/14		Dec-23
Cataract	Patient medically not clear	1	2021/10/26	within 12 months	Dec-23
Cataract		0	2023/09/13	within 12 months	Dec-23
Cataract		0	2023/08/01	within 12 months	Dec-23
LARYNGOSCOPY		0	2023/10/13	within 3 months	Feb-24
Cataract		0	2023/03/24	within 12 months	Feb-24
Hernia Repair		0	2022/06/14	within 3 months	Feb-24
Total Hip Replacement		0	2023/09/13	within 3 months	Feb-24
Cataract		0	2023/03/07	within 12 months	Feb-24
Cataract	Patient medically not clear	1	2023/06/01	within 6 weeks	Feb-24
ECTROPION-ENTROPION REPAIR		0	2023/08/02	within 12 months	Feb-24
Cataract		0	2023/06/15	within 12 months	Feb-24
LAMINECTOMY,SPINAL CORD DECOMPRESS		0	2022/03/16	within 3 weeks	Mar-24
Cataract		0	2023/04/10	within 12 months	Mar-24
PANCREATODUODENAL RESECTION	Cancelled for urgent procedure	1	2023/08/15	within 6 weeks	Mar-24
Cataract		0	2023/03/22	within 6 weeks	Mar-24
DACRYOCYSTORHINOSTOMY		0	2023/06/12	within 12 months	Mar-24
Cataract		0	2023/05/04	within 6 weeks	Mar-24
LIGATION STRIPPING		0	2023/08/03	within 12 months	Mar-24
Cataract		0	2023/07/12	within 6 weeks	Mar-24

*date of death is not available in the Surgical Access Registry

** Patient acuity determines wait time category.

***Cause of death is not reported in Surgical Access Registry

****Month Vital Stats reported death to Department of Health