



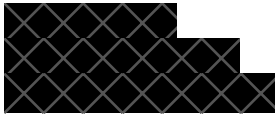
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November 5, 2024



via email: [kristen@secondstreet.org](mailto:kristen@secondstreet.org)

Dear Ms. Schultz:

**Re: Application for Access under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*  
(Southern Health–Santé Sud File 015.24-25)**

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On October 21, 2024, Southern Health-Santé Sud received your application for the following:

- 1) 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)
- 2) 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 – 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).

Date Range: Fiscal Year 2023-2024

As per our correspondence to you on October 22, 2024 the second portion of your request (number 2) was transferred to Shared Health.

In accordance with Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to records held by Southern Health-Santé Sud has been granted in part, specifically to the name of the procedure, date the patient was referred to a specialist, decision date and date of cancellation.

Information about the date of the procedure is unknown due to system limitations. Upon cancellation, the original date (if the procedure was scheduled), is not retained (saved).

In accordance with Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, specifically under subsection 12(1)(c)(i), we are informing you that your request for access to these records are is refused, as it does not exist.

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A copy of these records, as they apply and as they can be reasonably reproduced, in accordance with clause 14(1) (a) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, are attached.

Please use caution when interpreting the data. It is not a requirement to report the reason why a client cancels a procedure; therefore, the reason is not consistently collected.

Subsection 59(1) of FIPPA provides that you may make a complaint about this decision. You have 60 days to make a complaint to the Manitoba Ombudsman. For information about making a complaint, visit the Manitoba Ombudsman's website or contact that office using the information below.

Manitoba Ombudsman  
750 - 500 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1  
Phone: 204-982-9130  
Toll-free: 1-800-665-0531  
Email: [ombudsman@ombudsman.mb.ca](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsman.mb.ca)  
Website: <https://www.ombudsman.mb.ca/>

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Bassett, Privacy & Access Specialist at 1-204-822-2622.

Sincerely,



Ms. Jane Curtis  
Chief Executive Officer  
Access and Privacy Officer, FIPPA

Attachment

**Southern Health-Santé Sund  
FIPPA Request 015.24-25**

**Patients Deceased While Waiting For Surgery, 2023/24 Fiscal Year**

Data consists of cancelled cases with "deceased" or "passed away" included in the documentation.

Date of procedure is not available.

Date of Cancellation represents the date of the documentation in the Surgical Information Management System or SIMS.

Endoscopy decision date is left blank if patient had not met the surgeon in consult and signed consent. Target times for elective arthroplasty surgery is 182 days.

Target times for elective endoscopy is 182 days.

Target times for semi-urgent endoscopy is 28 days.

Date of Referral	Decision Date	Date of Cancellation	Procedure
27/09/2022	27/09/2023	28/04/2023	COLONOSCOPY
05/01/2023	14/03/2023	29/02/2024	COLONOSCOPY
01/03/2023		29/11/2023	COLONOSCOPY & ESOPHAGOGASTROSCOPY
08/03/2023		16/01/2024	COLONOSCOPY
25/04/2023	25/04/2023	18/08/2023	ESOPHAGOGASTROSCOPY
12/04/2023		18/07/2023	COLONOSCOPY
07/10/2022	21/07/2023	29/01/2024	KNEE, TOTAL ARTHROPLASTY
not provided	03/08/2023	16/11/2023	HERNIA, INGUINAL REPAIR/FEMORAL
25/05/2023	04/08/2023	07/11/2023	KNEE, TOTAL ARTHROPLASTY
20/10/2023	30/10/2023	14/12/2023	COLONOSCOPY SEMI/URGENT
30/11/2023		11/09/2024	COLONOSCOPY
12/12/2023	12/12/2023	15/04/2024	ESOPHAGOGASTROSCOPY

*Based on data collected from "Modification History", a free text comment section. There is no available reason code for cancellation in SIMS.*

Data Source: S.I.M.S.

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