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IHA Medical Imaging Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death (FOI 027-IH-2025-2026)

REPORTING PERIOD: Fiscal Year 2024/25 (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

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PURPOSE: To provide the number of cancelled Medical Imaging bookings due to death while on the Interior Health wait list.

FINDINGS & ANALYSIS:

In Fiscal Year 2024/25, there were 1,364 Medical Imaging bookings cancelled and removed from the Interior Health Authority's (IHA) waitlist due to patient death. The top three Medical Imaging procedures cancelled due to patient death were CTs (584 bookings), Ultrasound & Vascular (302 bookings), and Echo (158 bookings). These top three Medical Imaging procedures account for 77% of the total cancelled bookings due to patient death.

The wait time for a Medical Imaging procedure starts the day the booking form is received at an Interior Health hospital to the procedure date (or removal from the waitlist). Of the 1,364 bookings that were cancelled due to patient death, 39% (532 bookings) had been waiting over the priority wait time target for the Medical Imaging procedure as of the cancelled date. 48% of cancelled Medical Imaging bookings were assigned a Priority level 5 or Unknown, and do not have an associated wait time target.

The reason for patient death is not documented in Interior Health and is unknown. Consequently, this report cannot be used to determine a correlation between the wait time for the Medical Imaging appointment and patient death.

TABLE 1: Interior Health Number of Medical Imaging Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death by Procedure Group, Fiscal Year 2024/25

Medical Imaging Procedure Group	# of MI Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death
CT	584
Ultrasound & Vascular	302
Echo	158
MRI	151
Interventional Radiology	57
X-Ray	36
Nuclear Medicine	35
Mammography	29
Bone Density	28
Total	1,364
 % of Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death that were Waiting Over the Priority Target	 39%



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DATA NOTES & LIMITATIONS:

- o Data is based on one Medical Imaging procedure booking per patient.
- o Data includes only Medical Imaging booking records with a cancellation date within Fiscal Year 2024/25 (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025).
- o Wait times are calculated from the Medical Imaging booking form received date to the Cancellation date. Patient expiry date (Patient date of death) is not tracked in this data set.
- o Medical Imaging Priority Levels and associated target wait times:

Priority Level	Priority Category	Benchmark
Level 1 (P1)	Emergent	1 day
Level 2 (P2)	Urgent	7 day
Level 3 (P3)	Semi-Urgent	30 days
Level 4 (P4)	Non-Urgent	60 days
Level 5 (P5)	Follow Up	n/a
Unknown (Unk)	Unknown	n/a

Attachments: N/A

Data Source: CWS Statistical Desktop, Meditech (Hari Prithviam, Programmer/Systems Analyst), IH Scheduling Systems

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