



# Ontario Health

July 7, 2025

*Sent by E-mail*

**RE: Access Request OH25-024**

Dear Kristen,

I am writing to update you on your request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), which was received on April 23, 2025. You requested 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 (MRI/CT)  
Please be sure to note the date the data was compiled."*

A search has been conducted and the responsive record has been reviewed. A decision has been made to grant access 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 \$90. The breakdown for your fee is as follows:

- \$90.00 for search time and records preparation based on 3 hours of time @ \$30 per hour

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](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 OH25-024 in any further correspondence with Ontario Health about this request.

Sincerely,

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## Freedom of Information and Access Request OH25-024 Responsive Record

*Currently on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure*

*Currently on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan (MRI/CT)*

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

**Note for Surgical Numbers:** Numbers provided are as of December 1, 2024. The most current surgical wait list numbers are about 80% complete and will stabilize over 4-6 months. Delays in data submissions from the hospitals often result in current wait list numbers being underreported.

**Currently on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure as of December 1, 2024:  
230,330 (Data Source: Wait Time Information System – Query Date June 20, 2025)**

### Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria:

1. Priority Level 1 emergency cases are excluded
2. Cardiac surgery procedures are excluded
3. Non-treatment cancer surgery cases (palliative, reconstructive and diagnostic cancer surgery) are excluded
4. For patients waiting for multiple surgeries on multiple waitlist entries, all waitlist entries are included in the total count (i.e. **total waitlist is not a unique patient count**)
5. Hospitals not reporting to the Wait Time Information System are excluded

**Currently on a waiting list for cardiac surgery or a cardiac procedure as of December 1, 2024: 3,349 (Data Source: Cardiac Registry (DCIS) – Query Date June 2, 2025)**

### Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

1. The data provided includes the number of open waitlist entries with an acceptance date between January 1, 2019, and December 1, 2024, that have no recorded procedure date
2. The most recent surgical waitlist data is approximately 80% complete and is expected to stabilize within the next 4 to 6 months. Accordingly, waitlist volumes as of December 1, 2024, are presented. **Patients may appear on the waitlist for multiple procedures or surgeries, with each waitlist entry counted separately.** These volumes include all entries, including those from hospitals experiencing reporting challenges

3. Please note that waitlist volumes are subject to variation and may fluctuate due to ongoing data submission issues faced by hospitals

**Currently on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan (MRI/CT) as of March 1, 2025:  
719,710**

**(Data Source: Wait Time Information System (WTIS) – Query Date June 20, 2025)**

**Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria:**

1. Priority Level 1 emergency scans are excluded
2. Both timed and non-timed scans are included in the total waitlist
3. Cases on open waitlist status as of March 1, 2025 and not performed 45 days after Scheduled Procedure Date/Rescheduled Procedure Date are excluded as per Opened and Abandoned waitlist definition
4. For patients waiting for multiple scans on multiple waitlist entries, all waitlist entries are included in the total count (i.e. **total waitlist is not a unique patient count**)
5. Hospitals not reporting to the Wait Time Information System are excluded