

May 9, 2025

NH FOI #2025-0404

TO:
Kristen Schulz

Sent via email to: kristen@secondstreet.org

**Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*
Request for Access to Records – Reference No. NH 2025-0404**

Dear Kristen,

We write in response to your request of April 15, 2025 for access to information under FIPPA, as follows:

SURGICAL/PROCEDURE: NH 2025-0404

Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure in fiscal year 2024-25. Please break the data out by procedure/surgery 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).

The timeframe for this request is April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Following our review of the records that we have identified as being responsive to your request, we have determined that it is appropriate to grant full access to the responsive records.

Should you find this response to be unsatisfactory, you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia ("OIPC") to review it under section 52 of FIPPA. You have 30 business days from the date of this letter to submit a written Request for Review to OIPC.

If you have any questions or require any clarification kindly contact the undersigned directly at privacy@northernhealth.ca prior to initiating a formal review process with the OIPC.



Sincerely,



Kirsten Thomson
Chief Privacy Officer
Northern Health Authority

Northern Health's Patients Cancelled from Surgery Wait List with Cancellation Code of Patient Deceased

Purpose: To see the number of unique patients waiting for a surgical procedure where the patient was removed from the wait list using the cancellation code of patient deceased.

Requested by: Kirsten Thomson, Executive Director, Legal Affairs, Enterprise Risk & Compliance

Reporting period: Surgery inactive date = fiscal year 2024/25

Geography/Service: Northern Health

Data sources: Surgical Patient Registry

Data notes:

1. Surgery inactive date = fiscal year 2024/25
2. Cancellation reason = Patient Deceased
3. Target Wait Time (Weeks) = Target wait time in weeks associated with the clinical benchmark for the case
4. Include specialty description and procedure description
5. Excludes endoscopy procedures

Data extraction date: April 23, 2025

Data source: [Cancelled Patient Deceased FOI - Power BI Report Server \(phsa.ca\)](#)

Source file: T:\Surgery_Endoscopy\Ad_Hoc Reports\SPR\Died While Waiting for Surgery

Data validation: T:\Surgery_Endoscopy\Ad_Hoc Reports\SPR\Died While Waiting for Surgery
- Totals were validated against SPR cube connection

Data steward: SPR Administrator for Surgery

Prepared by: Saja Alogaidi, Clinical Outcomes Analyst, Strategic Analytics

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Northern Health: Patient Deceased Cancellations from Surgery Wait List

Specialty Description	Procedure_HA_Procedure_Description	Procedure Side	Referral To Surgeon Date	Decision For Surgery Date	Surgery Scheduled Date	Surgery Inactive Date	Target Wait Time Weeks	Total
Dentist	DENTAL EXTRACTIONS	*Missing	2024-03-22	2024-03-22	(blank)	2024-06-28	12	1
Family Practitioner/GP	COLPOSCOPY	*Missing	2024-05-01	2024-05-01	(blank)	2024-08-29	26	1
General Surgery	FEMORAL HERNIA REPAIR	Left	2024-05-07	2024-05-21	(blank)	2024-10-02	12	1
General Surgery	FEMORAL POPLITEAL BYPASS GRAFT	Right	2024-05-02	2024-06-28	(blank)	2024-09-24	2	1
General Surgery	ILEOSTOMY CLOSURE	*Missing	2023-08-01	2024-02-01	(blank)	2024-05-22	12	1
General Surgery	INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR UNILATERAL(ADULT)	Left	2024-02-22	2024-04-11	(blank)	2024-12-21	12	1
General Surgery	INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR WITH MESH	*Missing	2024-08-08	2024-08-12	(blank)	2025-03-28	12	1
General Surgery	LAPAROTOMY, ABDOMINAL WALL MASS EXCISION	*Missing	2024-08-06	2024-08-26	(blank)	2024-09-03	2	1
General Surgery	LESION/CYST/LIPOMA EXCISION LIMB/TRUNK	*Missing	2023-07-05	2023-12-01	(blank)	2024-10-21	26	1
General Surgery	VENOUS ACCESS DEVICE INSERTION	*Missing	2024-08-13	2024-08-19	(blank)	2024-09-19	4	1
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	COLPOSCOPY	*Missing	2024-02-19	2024-02-19	2024-07-11	2024-08-29	26	1
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	LAPAROTOMY SALPINGO-OOPHORECTOMY	*Missing	2024-02-11	2024-02-26	(blank)	2024-04-19	6	1
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	TOTAL HYSTERECTOMY LAPAROSCOPIC	Both	2023-06-09	2023-10-03	(blank)	2024-04-15	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	*Missing	2023-02-05	2023-02-05	(blank)	2024-10-23	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2017-11-15	2023-12-07	(blank)	2024-10-23	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2021-05-02	2021-08-28	(blank)	2024-10-08	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2022-06-17	2024-01-30	(blank)	2024-06-18	12	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2022-09-14	2023-07-23	(blank)	2025-01-16	6	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2022-11-16	2023-08-08	(blank)	2024-04-19	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2023-04-13	2024-05-03	(blank)	2025-01-10	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2023-05-09	2024-03-12	(blank)	2024-05-12	12	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2023-05-11	2024-03-12	(blank)	2024-04-14	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2023-05-24	2024-06-06	(blank)	2024-12-06	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2023-07-05	2024-10-26	(blank)	2025-03-02	6	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2023-07-20	2024-10-16	(blank)	2025-03-12	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2024-01-08	2024-03-22	(blank)	2025-02-25	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Left	2024-03-29	2024-04-16	(blank)	2025-02-21	6	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2022-04-14	2024-02-25	(blank)	2025-01-13	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2022-06-14	2023-07-22	(blank)	2024-05-30	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2022-10-01	2024-03-07	(blank)	2024-12-12	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2022-11-16	2023-08-08	(blank)	2024-04-19	6	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2023-05-01	2024-03-10	(blank)	2024-11-05	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2023-05-09	2024-03-12	(blank)	2024-05-12	12	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2023-05-11	2024-03-12	(blank)	2024-04-14	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2023-05-24	2024-06-06	(blank)	2024-12-06	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2023-07-05	2024-10-26	(blank)	2025-03-02	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2023-07-20	2024-10-16	(blank)	2025-03-12	12	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2023-10-31	2024-09-25	(blank)	2025-01-15	12	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2024-01-08	2024-03-22	(blank)	2025-02-25	6	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2024-01-09	2024-02-25	(blank)	2025-01-28	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE CATARACT EXTRACTION WITH IOL-PHACO	Right	2024-03-29	2024-04-16	(blank)	2025-02-21	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE INDIRECT LASER RETINOPEXY	Right	2024-05-28	2024-08-06	(blank)	2024-11-22	26	1
Ophthalmology Surgery	EYE PAN RETINAL PHOTOCOAGULATION (PRP)	Both	2021-02-08	2022-11-02	(blank)	2024-04-02	26	1
Orthopedic Surgery	HIP TOTAL REPLACEMENT UNCEMENT	Right	2024-08-27	2024-12-06	(blank)	2025-01-10	26	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Left	2021-08-30	2023-05-23	(blank)	2024-09-19	12	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Left	2022-02-14	2023-01-03	(blank)	2024-05-09	26	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Left	2022-04-27	2023-06-21	(blank)	2024-10-30	6	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Left	2022-11-21	2022-12-05	(blank)	2024-08-15	12	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Left	2023-04-11	2023-05-18	(blank)	2024-09-02	26	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Left	2023-05-01	2023-06-14	(blank)	2024-05-09	26	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Right	2022-02-14	2023-01-03	(blank)	2024-05-09	12	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Right	2022-07-12	2023-05-24	(blank)	2024-06-19	26	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Right	2022-08-24	2023-03-02	(blank)	2024-12-20	26	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Right	2022-11-21	2022-12-05	(blank)	2024-08-15	12	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Right	2023-04-11	2023-05-18	(blank)	2024-09-02	26	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Right	2023-05-01	2023-06-14	(blank)	2024-05-09	26	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Right	2023-07-24	2023-12-13	(blank)	2024-07-02	12	1
Orthopedic Surgery	KNEE TOTAL REPLACEMENT ARTHROPLASTY	Right	2024-03-14	2024-06-24	(blank)	2024-10-23	6	1
Otolaryngology Surgery	TONSILLECTOMY	Both	2023-12-13	2024-01-16	(blank)	2025-01-13	26	1

