

May 9, 2025

NH FOI #2025-00406

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 2025-0406**

Dear Kristen,

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

DIAGNOSTIC/SPECIALIST: NH 2025-0406

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 2024-25. Please break the data out by scan/consultation 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).

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

Number of patients that died while on waiting list - Medical Imaging FY 2024/25

Purpose: To provide number of patients that died while on a waiting list for medical imaging exam

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

Reporting period: FY 2024/25

Geography/Service: All NH

Key findings:

- A total of 17 patients died while waiting for Medical Imaging Exam in FY 2024/25
- 21 Medical Imaging exams were cancelled in FY 2024/25 because patient died while waiting on waitlist

Results of analysis

A total of 17 patients died while waiting for Medical Imaging Exam in FY 2024/25.

Figure 1 presents the distribution of number of patients that died while waiting for Medical Imaging exam in FY 2024/25 by Facility and Exam Type. Majority of the patients who died waiting for medical imaging exams were at UHNBC for CT and X-Ray Exam Types.

Number of patients who died while waiting for MI exam - FY2024/25				
FACILITY	CT	Ultrasound	X-Ray	Total
Dawson Creek & District Hospital	1	1		2
GR Baker Memorial Hospital	1			1
KRH	2	1	1	4
Prince Rupert Regional Hospital	1			1
St. John Hospital			1	1
University Hospital Northern British Columbia	4		4	8
Total	9	2	6	17

Figure 1. Number of patients who died while waiting for MI exam

Number of MI Exams cancelled because patient deceased while on waitlist - FY2024/25				
FACILITY	CT	Ultrasound	X-Ray	Total
Dawson Creek & District Hospital	1	1		2
GR Baker Memorial Hospital	1			1
KRH	4	1	1	6
Prince Rupert Regional Hospital	1			1
St. John Hospital			1	1
University Hospital Northern British Columbia	5		5	10
Total	12	2	7	21

Figure 2. Number of MI Exams cancelled because patient deceased while on waitlist

Figure 2 shows the distribution of number of exams cancelled by Facility and Exam Type in FY 2024/25 because patient died. A total of 21 Medical Imaging exams were cancelled in FY 2024/25 because patient died while waiting for medical imaging exam. The majority of exams cancelled due to patient died were at UHNBC for CT and X-Ray Exam Types.

Data notes -

Data sources:

- Cerner Radiology (All_Exams),
- Cedar_Stg (Cerner.Order_Detail)

Inclusions/Exclusions:

- Exam Type = Computed Tomography
- Excluded Facility = Null (data quality issues)

Data extraction date: Apr 23, 2025

Request completion date: Apr 24, 2025

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