

May 23, 2025



Dear Ms. Schulz:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*: Our File Number PMH-2025-26-10

On April 16, 2025, Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) received your request for access to the following records:

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).

Date range: April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in part. Please find the enclosed information which shows the number of patients that have died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure, decision date, the scheduled and cancellation date of the procedure in PMH for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Please use caution when interpreting the information under the Scheduled Date for Procedure and Date of Cancellation due to Death columns. In some cases, the scheduled procedure date was cancelled prior to death due to other patient specific reasons. The patient was then placed back on the waiting list for the surgical procedure and the surgery date was not rescheduled prior to patient death. Please note that the reason for patient's death is not necessarily documented in the surgical system. Therefore, the enclosed data cannot be used to determine a correlation between the surgery or the wait time for surgery and patient death.

In some facilities in PMH, the scheduled date for the procedure is not collected and/or retained in the electronic surgical information system. This information may be found in the client's health record; however, this would require a manual search and would be deemed an unreasonable invasion of the client's personal health information. Your request for the type of procedure is also refused where the specific type or the low numbers of the procedure, along with details of dates, may identify a patient whose personal health information was collected for purposes of provision of health care. This information falls within the following exceptions to disclosure in *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

17(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's privacy.

17(2) A disclosure of personal information about a third party is deemed to be an unreasonable invasion of the third party's privacy if,

(a) The personal information is personal health information

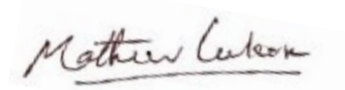
As required by subsection 7(2) of the *Act*, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

Subsection 59(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may make a complaint about our decision respecting your request for access to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman
300-5-Donald Street
Winnipeg MB R3L 2T4
982-9130
1-800-665-0531

Should you have any questions related to our response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mathew Lukose". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mathew Lukose MSW, RSW
Access and Privacy Coordinator - Prairie Mountain Health
204-578-4359

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**Number of Patients that have Died While on a Waiting List for a Surgical Procedure in
2024/2025**

Type of Procedure	Decision Date	Scheduled Date for Procedure	Date of Cancellation due to Death
17(1); 17(2)(a)	January 31, 2022	April 22, 2024	November 5, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	September 8, 2022	March 10, 2025	April 22, 2025
17(1); 17(2)(a)	July 20, 2023	July 15, 2024	February 11, 2025
17(1); 17(2)(a)	June 8, 2023	No surgery date	May 21, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	September 28, 2023	No surgery date	September 9, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	April 28, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	May 13, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	April 23, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	May 27, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	May 22, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	July 12, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	April 29, 2024	No surgery date	June 19, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	May 10, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	October 1, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	June 26, 2024	No surgery date	August 12, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	July 11, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	July 26, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	July 30, 2024	November 21, 2024	March 10, 2025
17(1); 17(2)(a)	March 2, 2024	No surgery date	April 8, 2025
17(1); 17(2)(a)	September 17, 2024	No surgery date	October 15, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	October 9, 2024	No surgery date	March 17, 2025
17(1); 17(2)(a)	October 4, 2024	No surgery date	November 1, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	September 9, 2024	No surgery date	November 21, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	October 28, 2024	No surgery date	December 18, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	January 13, 2025	No surgery date	March 12, 2025
17(1); 17(2)(a)	May 24, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	January 24, 2025
17(1); 17(2)(a)	February 3, 2022	Not Collected or Retained	December 6, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	December 9, 2023	Not Collected or Retained	October 10, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	January 2, 2024	January 10, 2024	May 22, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	February 8, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	August 22, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	May 9, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	June 26, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	June 11, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	April 14, 2025
17(1); 17(2)(a)	May 27, 2024	No surgery date	July 31, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	August 13, 2024	September 17, 2024	December 12, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	October 7, 2024	No surgery date	December 31, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	November 13, 2024	December 4, 2024	January 8, 2025
17(1); 17(2)(a)	March 13, 2019	Not Collected or Retained	December 12, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	December 16, 2021	Not Collected or Retained	March 22, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	September 26, 2023	Not Collected or Retained	April 15, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	December 6, 2023	Not Collected or Retained	December 4, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	January 4, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	June 7, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	February 10, 2022	Not Collected or Retained	September 26, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	August 9, 2024	Not Collected or Retained	December 4, 2024
17(1); 17(2)(a)	October 4, 2024	No surgery date	January 28, 2025