



SOUTHERN HEALTH-SANTÉ SUD

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May 9, 2025

Kristen Schulz
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via email: kristen@secondstreet.org

Dear Kristen Schulz:

**Re: Application for Access under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*
(Southern Health-Santé Sud File 007.25-26)**

On April 15, 2025, Southern Health-Santé Sud received your application for the following:

SURGICAL/PROCEDURE:

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.

In accordance with Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to records held by Southern Health-Santé Sud has been granted in part, specifically to the name of the procedure, date the patient was referred to a specialist, decision date and date of cancellation.

Information about the date of the procedure is unknown due to system limitations. Upon cancellation, the original date (if the procedure was scheduled), is not retained (saved).

A copy of the remaining records, as they apply and as they can be reasonably reproduced, in accordance with clause 14(1) (a) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, are attached.

Please use caution when interpreting the data. It is not a requirement to report the reason why a client cancels a procedure; therefore, the reason is not consistently collected.

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Subsection 59(1) of FIPPA provides that you may make a complaint about this decision. You have 60 days to make a complaint to the Manitoba Ombudsman. For information about making a complaint, visit the Manitoba Ombudsman's website or contact that office using the information below.

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 - 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1
Phone: 204-982-9130
Toll-free: 1-800-665-0531
Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.mb.ca
Website: <https://www.ombudsman.mb.ca/>

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Bassett, Privacy & Access Officer at 1-204-822-2622.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Human".

Ms. Dana Human
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Access and Privacy Officer, FIPPA

Southern Health-Santé Sud

Patients Deceased While Waiting For Surgery, 2024/25 Fiscal Year

FIPPA 007.25-26

- Based on data collected from "Modification History", a free text comment section. There is no available reason code for cancellation in SIMS.
- Data consists of cancelled cases with "deceased" or "passed away" included in the documentation.
- Date of procedure is not available.
- Date of Cancellation represents the date of the documentation in SIMS.
- Endoscopy decision date is left blank if patient had not met the surgeon in consult and signed consent.
- Target times for elective arthroplasty surgery is 182 days.
- Target times for elective endoscopy is 182 days.
- Target times for semi-urgent endoscopy is 28 days.

Date of Referral	Decision Date	Date of Cancellation	Procedure
11/09/2023	25/09/2023	10/04/2024	SIGMOIDOSCOPY FLEXIBLE LEAN
14/11/2023	10/01/2024	24/07/2024	COLONOSCOPY LEAN GREEN ELECTIVE
11/12/2023	11/12/2023	09/08/2024	HIP, TOTAL ARTHROPLASTY (SMITH & NEPHEW)
05/02/2024	05/02/2024	05/09/2024	KNEE, TOTAL ARTHROPLASTY (SMITH & NEPHEW)
07/12/2022	24/04/2024	18/02/2025	EYE, CATARACT EXTRACTION & LENS IMPLANT
29/07/2024	29/08/2024	20/03/2025	COLONOSCOPY WITH/WITHOUT BIOPSY/POLYPECTOMY
14/08/2024	14/08/2024	26/03/2025	COLONOSCOPY WITH/WITHOUT BIOPSY/POLYPECTOMY
21/08/2024		05/11/2024	COLONOSCOPY & ESOPHAGOGASTROSCOPY
14/07/2024	19/09/2024	14/03/2025	CARPAL TUNNEL/DE QUERVAINS RELEASE
08/11/2024		09/01/2025	COLONOSCOPY & ESOPHAGOGASTROSCOPY
23/12/2024	23/12/2024	04/04/2025	COLONOSCOPY WITH/WITHOUT BIOPSY/POLYPECTOMY
15/01/2025	15/01/2025	20/02/2025	PORT A CATH, INSERTION (C-ARM)
19/08/2024	19/08/2024	15/01/2025	COLONOSCOPY & ESOPHAGOGASTROSCOPY