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Kristen Schulz

Sent via e-mail to kristen@secondstreet.org

Dear Kristen:

Re: Full Disclosure – OUR FILE# NSHA-2025-037

On April 17, 2025, Nova Scotia Health (NSH) received your request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP Act)*.

We understand your application to be for a copy of the following:

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.

Please find a copy of the records located in response to your request. We are providing these records to you in their entirety.

We are now closing your file.

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

You have the right to seek a review with the Review Officer within 60 days of receiving this decision. Complete details of the process are outlined on the website of the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner: [Tools for the Public | Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rozi C".

Rozi Colbourne
FOIPOP Officer
Nova Scotia Health

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Data:

Number of patients who died while on a waiting list for a specialist consultation between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025.				
Division	Number of Deaths	Min. NO. Days Waiting	Median NO. Days Waiting	Percentile (90) of NO. Days Waiting
Cardiology	256	5	60	241
Dermatology	0	0	56	514
Endocrinology	0	8	100	315
Gastroenterology	70	0	169	593
Geriatrics	0	10	139	238
GIM	0	0	66	296
Infectious Diseases	0	6	93	148
Nephrology	0	5	93	139
Neurology	0	10	436	1260
PMR	0	7	146	651
Respirology	0	0	111	352
Rheumatology	0	4	321	421
Medical Oncology	60	8	32	58
Radiation Oncology	31	3	31	41
Hematology	23	12	31	71
Note:				
Data on Specific DI (diagnostic imaging) exams not available due to system/process limitations.				
If a patient has multiple referrals cancelled due to their death, all of those referrals are included in the data. As a result, a single patient may be counted multiple times across divisions if they were on multiple waitlists.				