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Fwd: ATI 9689

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To: Colin Craig <colin@secondstreet.org>

Tue, Nov 4, 2025 at 10:21 AM

Do you want me to pursue this further?

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From: **Information Access-Accès à l'information (DH/MS)** <DH-MS.InformationAccess-Accesalinformation@gnb.ca>
Date: Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 11:16AM
Subject: ATI 9689
To: kristen@secondstreet.org <kristen@secondstreet.org>

Dear Mrs. Schulz,

The Department of Health has reviewed your request, received on August 11, 2025, under the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:

Any current documentation that indicates patients waiting for potentially lifesaving heart surgery, when surgery or treatment is suggested, an estimate of their wait time for surgery/treatment and the maximum recommended wait time for the surgery/treatment in question.

The Department doesn't have any further records to share with respect to protocol for heart surgery, as it falls under the provincial acuity model. The provincial acuity model, which is used to group wait times for surgeries into categories, applies to all surgeries including lifesaving heart surgery. Please find attached the documents we previously shared, for your reference.

Highest acuity surgeries (including lifesaving heart surgery) would fall under Category I and II, and in some cases III. The maximum time for most of patients awaiting life saving heart surgery is 42 days.

Please refer to the Surgical Wait Time website which contains information about wait time for heart surgery that is updated quarterly here:

<https://www1.gnb.ca/0217/SurgicalWaitTimes/Index-e.aspx>.

The New Brunswick Heart Centre may have more information on protocol for heart surgery. Therefore, we have partially transferred your request to Horizon Health Network as per subsection 13(1) of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact us at: DH-MS.InformationAccess-Accesalinformation@gnb.ca.

If you are not satisfied with the response that has been provided, you may file a complaint with the Office of the Ombud as per section 67 of the Act within 40 business days of receiving this response or refer the matter to a judge of the Court of King's Bench as per section 65 of the Act within 40 business days of receiving this response.

Sincerely,

Hon. Dr. John M. Dornan, MD, FRCP, FACP, MBA

Minister

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