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April 7, 2026

Kristen Schulz

Sent via e-mail to kristen@secondstreet.org

Dear Kristen:

Re: Full Disclosure – OUR FILE# NSHA-2026-011

On January 22, 2026, 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:

> A copy of the most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are: currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure, a diagnostic scan or appointment with a specialist. (Date Range for Record Search: From 4/15/2025 to 1/9/2026). A single summary figure by type is preferred.

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,

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FOIPOP Officer
Nova Scotia Health

Number of Patients Waitlisted - NSH

Cancer Care - As of February 11, 2026	**Number of patients on waitlist**
Includes Medical Oncology (CZ&EZ), Radiation Oncology (CZ&EZ), Hematology/Oncology (CZ&EZ), Colposcopy (CZ), and Gyne/Dermatology (CZ)	3,862
Surgery - As of January 31st 2026	**Number of patients on waitlist**
All surgical procedures in NSH (excluding Endoscopy and Cystoscopy, excludes minor procedures performed in clincs	16,152
Diagnostic Imaging - As of November 1st 2025	**Number of patients waiting for an appointment**
Modality	
CT	41,867
MRI	18,317
US	39,050
Mental Health and Addictions - Waitlist as of Feb 17, 2026	**Number of appointments* waitlisted**
Appointment Category	
Specialty Assessments**	2,300
Sleep Disorders Clinic	1,257

Notes and Details:

1. For the PeriOp data, we can only provide the number of people waiting for surgery (wait 2), not the number of people waiting for their consult (wait 1).

2. For Cancer Care specialists, we cannot provide the waitlist since 15 April 2025-9 January 2026 as requested, due to data limitations, but we can only provide the waitlist from the date of pull onward (e.g. as of February 11th 2026) we can provide the waitlist for Hematology, Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology for new consults only and represent Central and Eastern zones, except for Gyne/Derm and Colposcopy are for Central Zone only.

3. For Diagnostic Imaging, the data represents patients waiting for an appt, or with an appt booked after Nov 1, 2025 for Central, Eastern, Northern, and Western zones only. Does not include IWK patients, or patients waiting in Provincial Queue (unassigned, may be IWK) nor does it include patients waiting for Private Clinic appts.

** *This includes clients waiting for: psychiatry assessments, ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessments, transgender readiness assessments or an Eating Disorders appointment.

For ASD assessments, IWK shares this provincial waitlist (they also do assessments throughout the province) for ASD assessment and manages it through the Provincial Preschool Autism Service (PPAS). The numbers included in the specialty assessments only include the numbers from Nova Scotia Health, and do not include those on the IWK waitlist.

Department of Medicine - Central Zone Specialties			
Number of Patients NEWS AND RETURNS Waitlisted 15 April 2025-9 January 2026			
Specialty	**Waitlisted and Appt Booked 15 April 2025-9 January 2026**	**Waitlisted-not booked yet 15 April 2025-9 January 2026**	**Total Added to Waitlist 15 April 2025-9 January 2026**
Cardiology	5973	5321	11294
Dermatology	208	2167	2375
Endocrinology	1380	936	2316
Gastroentorology	9065	5728	14793
General Internal Medicine	763	484	1247
Geriatrics	2124	829	2953
Infectious Diseases	787	196	983
Neurology	2523	4083	6606
NPH	330	123	453
PM&R	753	846	1599
Respirology	665	1204	1869
Rheumatology	1665	155	1820
Total Added to Waitlist 15 April 2025-9 January 2026	26236	22072	48308