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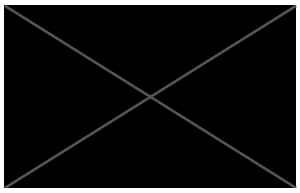

Sent by E-mail

RE: Access Request OH26-016

Dear Kristen,

I am writing regarding your access request OH26-015 made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) which was received by Ontario Health on March 13, 2026. You requested the following information:

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.

A search has been conducted and the responsive record has been reviewed. A decision has been made to grant access to a record. Note that as previously stated, Ontario Health does not maintain waitlist data for appointments with specialists. The official responsible for making the access decision to these records is Matthew Anderson, President and CEO, Ontario Health.

Section 57 of FIPPA requires fees to be charged for processing a request. The fee for processing your request was $60.00. The breakdown for your fee is as follows:

- $60 for searching and preparing records for 2 hour @ $30 per hour

FIPPA provides that all or part of the fee can be waived if in our opinion it is fair and equitable to do so. A decision has been made to waive this fee.

You may request the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario ('the IPC') to review this decision within 30 days from the date of this letter. The IPC's address is Suite 1400, 2 Bloor Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8. The appeal fee for a request like yours is $25.00, payable by cheque or money order to the Minister of Finance. This fee must be included with your correspondence with the Commissioner's office.

Should you have any questions, please contact us. We would appreciate you using our request number **OH26-016** in any further correspondence with Ontario Health about this request.

Sincerely,

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Patients Waiting for Surgery as of October 1, 2025	227,500

Data Source: Wait Time Information System (WTIS)
Query Date: March 9, 2026

Exclusion / Inclusion Criteria:

1. Includes cases categorized as Priority Levels 2, 3 and 4 (Non-Emergency) Adult, Paediatrics and Oncology cases
   Excludes Priority Level 1 emergency cases and cases with missing priority level
2. Cancer surgery treatment cases only; palliative, reconstructive and diagnostic cancer surgery (WTIS Service Detail 2) are excluded
3. Includes surgery performed in a fully equipped OR
   Hospitals are only mandated to report to WTIS surgery cases performed in a fully equipped OR

** Due to delays in submission of surgery open waitlist data, the most stable waitlist count is as of October 1, 2025*