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IH Reference: 066-IH-2026-2027

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Kristen Schulz
Sent by email: kristen@secondstreet.org

Re: ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** **(FIPPA)**

Request

Interior Health (IH) received your request for access to information under FIPPA. Your request was:

1) 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 2025-26. 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, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Response

The following responsive records are attached (expires in 15 days):

- 066-IH-2026-2027 Appendix A https://sftp.interiorhealth.ca/?u=9QEy&p=TXA6&path=/066-IH-2026-2027%20Appendix-%20A.pdf

These records are disclosed to you in their entirety.

For your reference, a copy of FIPPA is available at:
http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/96165_00.

Review

Under s. 52 of FIPPA, you may ask the Office of Information and Privacy Commissioner (the OIPC) to review IH's response to your request. You have thirty (30) business days from the date of this letter to request a review in writing. Further information regarding the OIPC review process is available at this link: How do I request a review? - Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for BC (oipc.bc.ca)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Angela Maharajh
Freedom of Information Services
Interior Health

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dãkelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, syilx, and Tŝilhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.

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IHA Medical Imaging Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death (FOI 066-IH-2026-2027)

REPORTING PERIOD: Fiscal Year 2025/26 (April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026)

REQUESTOR: Laura Findlay, Freedom of Information Department, Interior Health Authority

PURPOSE: To provide the number of cancelled Medical Imaging bookings due to death while on the Interior Health wait list.

FINDINGS & ANALYSIS:

In Fiscal Year 2025/26, there were 1,403 Medical Imaging bookings cancelled and removed from the Interior Health Authority's (IHA) waitlist due to patient death. The top three Medical Imaging procedures cancelled due to patient death were CTs (599 bookings), Ultrasound & Vascular (293 bookings), and Echo (218 bookings). These top three Medical Imaging procedures account for 79% of the total cancelled bookings due to patient death.

The wait time for a Medical Imaging procedure starts the day the booking form is received at an Interior Health hospital to the procedure date (or removal from the waitlist). Of the 1,403 bookings that were cancelled due to patient death, 38% (533 bookings) had been waiting over the priority wait time target for the Medical Imaging procedure as of the cancelled date. 50% of cancelled Medical Imaging bookings were assigned a Priority level 5 or Unknown, and do not have an associated wait time target.

The reason for patient death is not documented in Interior Health and is unknown. Consequently, this report cannot be used to determine a correlation between the wait time for the Medical Imaging appointment and patient death.

TABLE 1: Interior Health Number of Medical Imaging Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death by Procedure Group, Fiscal Year 2025/26

Medical Imaging Procedure Group	# of MI Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death
X-Ray	<5
CT	599
Ultrasound & Vascular	293
Echo	218
MRI	156
Nuclear Medicine	60
Interventional Radiology	52
Bone Density	19
Mammography	15
Total	**1,403**
% of Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death that were Waiting Over the Priority Target	**38%**

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DATA NOTES & LIMITATIONS:

- Data is based on one Medical Imaging procedure booking per patient.
- Data includes only Medical Imaging booking records with a cancellation date within Fiscal Year 2025/26 (April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026).
- Wait times are calculated from the Medical Imaging booking form received date to the Cancellation date. Patient expiry date (Patient date of death) is not tracked in this data set.
- Medical Imaging Priority Levels and associated target wait times:

Priority Level	Priority Category	Benchmark
Level 1 (P1)	Emergent	1 day
Level 2 (P2)	Urgent	7 day
Level 3 (P3)	Semi-Urgent	30 days
Level 4 (P4)	Non-Urgent	60 days
Level 5 (P5)	Follow Up	n/a
Unknown (Unk)	Unknown	n/a

Attachments: N/A
Data Source: CWS Statistical Desktop, Meditech (Hari Prithviram, Programmer/Systems Analyst), IH Scheduling Systems
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