

The Request:

Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure in 2018-19. Please break the data out by procedure and case info – date the patient was referred to a specialist, date for the procedure and date of cancellation. Please also note the government's target time for providing the procedure in question.

The Response:

The Access to Care (ATC) Wait Times Information System (WTIS) and the Cardiac CorHealth WTIS were searched in order to respond, and the findings are as follows:

1. In fiscal year 2018-2019, there were 0 patients removed from the ATC wait list due to being "deceased". Data entry processes expect that surgical secretaries complete the Cerner scheduling record when they remove patients (which feeds information to WTIS).
2. In fiscal year 2018-2019, there were 9 patients removed from the wait list due to being "deceased". Cardiac and Surgery have processes to escalate cases when the patient's medical conditions become worse; they rebook or move other patients around in their currently scheduled OR blocks, or they escalate and the case is prioritized as an OR Board case accordingly.

Patients	Procedure Type	Referral Date	Date of Death	Recommended Wait Time (days)
1	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	05/17/2018	10/03/2018	91
2	Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting + Valve	04/27/2018	06/30/2018	N/A
3	Other Valve	02/26/2018	10/04/2018	N/A
4	Transcatheter aortic valve implantation	01/04/2018	08/05/2018	N/A
5	Transcatheter aortic valve implantation	03/29/2018	04/23/2018	N/A
6	Transcatheter aortic valve implantation	12/29/2017	05/07/2018	N/A
7	Transcatheter aortic valve implantation	08/14/2018	02/26/2019	N/A
8	Transcatheter aortic valve implantation	05/30/2018	03/05/2019	N/A
9	Valve Only (AS, MR, AR)	04/03/2018	08/17/2018	14