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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-038646

Thank you for your email of 7 March 2025, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *From 2014/2015 to the most recent full period of data, broken out by year, can I please have the number of surgeries or procedures funded by ACC carried out in private hospitals.*
2. *From 2014/2015 to the most recent full period of data, broken out by year, can I please have the cost to ACC of surgeries or procedures funded by ACC carried out in private hospitals. If these procedures can be grouped by category can I please have number and costs for each category broken out by year as well.*

Please find the data you requested attached

Please note that in the tables provided we have used the value '<4' if the number of claims is between one and three. We have also suppressed cells using two dots (..). This is because providing the data could potentially identify information about certain individuals.

This decision is made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We considered the public interest in the information withheld and are of the view it does not outweigh the interests being protected.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

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If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Jackson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Thomas Jackson
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Notes and Caveats:

- A financial year is 1 July to 30 June.
- Claims are included where a payment was made by ACC under the Elective Surgery contract between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2024.
- Service provider is identified as private where the vendor name does not include specific keywords including district health or DHB. Please note that while the majority of public hospital vendors include the district health board name in their vendor name there may be some that are being missed and included in this dataset as Private Hospitals.
- Data was extracted 19 March 2025 and may differ if re-run later.

Table 1: Active claims with elective surgery services paid between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2024 broken down by service type and financial year.

Service type	Payment Financial Year									
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Musculo-skeletal - general	19,047	18,548	18,453	18,178	15,507	14,451	15,618	13,579	13,417	14,365
Surgical Implants	14,260	14,274	14,829	14,922	15,608	15,370	16,973	14,838	16,681	18,534
Non-Core	7,180	7,441	7,908	8,176	9,078	8,958	12,435	12,614	14,911	16,846
Generic procedures	4,144	4,219	4,309	4,212	4,130	3,947	4,355	3,794	4,566	4,458
Spinal	2,409	2,377	2,405	2,481	2,441	2,245	2,387	2,071	2,263	2,410
Musculo-skeletal - specialised	1,401	1,415	1,581	1,980	2,174	2,156	2,602	2,321	2,679	3,344
Wrist and Hand					2,120	2,210	2,418	2,112	2,744	3,076
Ankle, Foot or Toe					1,733	1,870	2,133	1,943	2,144	2,339
ENT - general	847	856	844	868	1,073	991	1,220	1,018	1,117	1,213
Other specialist services	950	922	873	780	767	686	798	758	910	1,029
Abdomen	993	857	843	485	504	451	519	382	557	622
Urology						429	570	488	582	678
Eye	115	111	134	118	147	141	150	145	136	172
ENT - specialised	77	71	71	67	78	52	66	47	60	73
Eye/skin	21	21	28	25	28	34	38	35	40	35
Dental	17	20	23	31	26	21	19	19	32	20
Medical Notes		19	40	32	48	26	27	5	7	
Skin - specialised	14	<4	5	7	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	4
ENT/Eye	<4	<4	6	<4	<4	<4	4	<4		<4
Total	33,055	32,682	32,955	32,510	33,783	32,222	36,063	32,196	34,375	37,233

- A claim may be included under more than one service and in more than one year and will be counted once in each relevant field. The total number is the distinct count of these claims.
- Wrist and Hand' and 'Ankle, Foot or Toe' categories were counted under 'Musculoskeletal - General' until part way through the 2018/19 financial year.
- Use of image intensifiers in theatre are counted under Generic procedures regardless of the type of surgery they were used for. Surgeries for other categories using an image intensifier will be counted once in the category of the surgery and once in Generic procedures for the image intensifier payments.
- In the interest of client privacy claim counts of less than four claims have been replaced with '<4'. If the presence of totals could allow a suppressed number to be derived further suppression is displayed as '...'.

Table 2: Number of elective surgery services paid between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2024 broken down by service type and financial year.

Service type	Payment Financial Year									
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Non-Core	36,797	39,419	40,329	40,454	40,097	37,582	45,578	42,046	50,510	55,578
Surgical Implants	23,317	22,577	24,579	27,080	28,529	30,881	38,978	41,946	48,878	54,422
Musculo-skeletal - general	20,316	19,785	19,708	19,493	15,962	14,835	16,297	14,096	14,123	15,208
Generic procedures	4,581	4,630	4,756	4,655	4,514	4,310	4,804	4,166	5,065	4,922
Spinal	2,489	2,475	2,486	2,579	2,550	2,337	2,516	2,182	2,384	2,566
Musculo-skeletal - specialised	1,460	1,472	1,641	2,032	2,245	2,215	2,679	2,395	2,759	3,463
Wrist and Hand					2,550	2,615	2,890	2,465	3,235	3,685
Ankle, Foot or Toe					2,146	2,329	2,711	2,438	2,681	3,057

ENT - general	868	869	854	884	1,318	1,311	1,731	1,487	1,698	1,890
Other specialist services	1,321	1,373	1,209	1,185	1,255	1,035	1,230	1,272	1,305	1,523
Abdomen	1,034	871	860	495	523	460	541	403	590	655
Urology						890	1,203	977	1,210	1,414
Eye	120	122	145	122	161	148	189	183	166	201
ENT - specialised	80	73	73	70	80	56	68	50	61	76
Eye/skin	24	21	29	28	28	36	44	37	43	40
Dental	21	28	28	38	39	32	30	21	43	26
Medical Notes		21	41	38	51	..	..	5	..	
Skin - specialised	..	..	7	..	..	<4	<4	<4	<4	..
ENT/Eye	<4	<4	6	<4	<4	<4	4	<4		<4
Total	92,451	93,744	96,751	99,166	102,055	101,106	121,522	116,173	134,761	148,733

- Count of payments is our best approximation of the number of surgical procedures provided, however some of the service codes included are add-ons to other codes, and in some cases multiple service codes are provided as part of the same surgical procedure, so the count of payments made may be a little higher than the actual number of surgeries provided.
- In the interest of client privacy claim counts of less than four claims have been replaced with '<4'. If the presence of totals could allow a suppressed number to be derived further suppression is displayed as '..'.

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	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Musculo-skeletal - general	\$120,811,511	\$119,460,280	\$123,117,069	\$123,299,902	\$111,213,680	\$109,442,872	\$121,388,178	\$107,640,964	\$112,242,444	\$126,927,410
Non-Core	\$45,676,872	\$48,797,619	\$50,058,324	\$50,180,862	\$49,344,720	\$47,459,513	\$55,606,484	\$50,780,679	\$64,106,769	\$70,711,500
Surgical Implants	\$37,260,195	\$40,030,530	\$42,038,093	\$45,258,037	\$48,678,809	\$50,743,067	\$60,576,480	\$53,801,062	\$65,543,971	\$77,161,244
Spinal	\$24,789,768	\$25,669,535	\$25,377,891	\$26,904,354	\$27,072,521	\$26,560,203	\$29,976,603	\$27,014,000	\$32,214,086	\$41,742,845
Musculo-skeletal - specialised	\$12,139,823	\$12,826,182	\$14,752,925	\$19,471,992	\$21,626,080	\$21,838,340	\$29,449,756	\$27,571,016	\$32,350,824	\$44,420,509
Generic procedures	\$12,419,451	\$12,788,931	\$13,521,364	\$13,290,115	\$12,808,647	\$12,708,096	\$14,549,255	\$13,161,619	\$16,567,696	\$16,992,920
Wrist and Hand					\$14,127,348	\$15,334,080	\$17,468,372	\$15,564,745	\$21,349,167	\$25,582,411
Ankle, Foot or Toe					\$12,923,582	\$14,488,446	\$17,335,763	\$16,510,404	\$19,237,060	\$21,928,000
Other specialist services	\$8,293,692	\$8,894,955	\$8,232,257	\$8,223,430	\$8,425,877	\$8,392,181	\$9,471,950	\$9,337,071	\$12,920,082	\$15,367,839
ENT - general	\$5,503,993	\$5,640,706	\$5,674,249	\$5,926,068	\$7,351,991	\$7,352,316	\$9,491,204	\$7,990,581	\$9,433,492	\$10,802,412
Abdomen	\$4,693,382	\$4,078,455	\$4,141,804	\$2,450,138	\$2,595,216	\$2,426,686	\$2,904,798	\$2,243,917	\$3,405,277	\$3,915,822
Urology						\$3,709,321	\$5,392,684	\$4,529,866	\$5,761,498	\$6,702,454
Eye	\$358,580	\$422,791	\$489,888	\$440,336	\$651,063	\$614,348	\$765,302	\$738,363	\$722,365	\$878,747
ENT - specialised	\$369,491	\$347,081	\$344,298	\$333,983	\$437,404	\$300,905	\$399,352	\$283,883	\$374,159	\$466,893
Eye/skin	\$64,456	\$57,745	\$86,453	\$79,401	\$85,239	\$107,982	\$140,657	\$124,372	\$147,904	\$134,822
Dental	\$57,373	\$70,700	\$82,026	\$103,562	\$108,411	\$98,165	\$78,346	\$79,920	\$156,012	\$82,478
Skin - specialised	\$116,903	\$30,682	\$39,078	\$51,759	\$19,976	\$21,128	\$5,457	\$21,816	\$21,150	\$22,054
ENT/Eye	\$7,974	\$9,764	\$29,721	\$15,084	\$15,364	\$15,724	\$21,780	\$5,705		\$18,765
Medical Notes		\$789	\$1,719	\$2,202	\$2,943	\$1,545	\$1,315	\$150	\$256	
Total	\$272,563,466	\$279,126,743	\$287,987,160	\$296,031,225	\$317,488,873	\$321,614,917	\$375,023,734	\$337,400,132	\$396,554,212	\$463,859,122

- Active Costs are the GST exclusive cost of payments made for claims that were active in the specified period.
- Costs do not include Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) payments. These costs are for treatment in a public hospital during the acute phase of an injury and are covered by bulk payments made by ACC to the Crown. As such, these payments cannot be attributed to individual claims.
- The financial year in which the service was paid may differ to the calendar year in which the service was provided.