



16 February 2024

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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-030250

Thank you for your email of 30 January 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Rotator cuff injury claims 01/01/2019- 01/08/2023

Cause of injury and whether a request for surgery intervention has been requested / accepted or declined

The requested information is attached to this letter as the appendix

When interpreting the data provided, please refer to the 'Notes' tab.

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

ACC may publish a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12.

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

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GOV-030250 Data

Description:

The number of accepted and declined claims for rotator cuff tear related injuries between 01 January 2019 and 01 August 2023.

Caveats and Notes:

- Accredited employer claims have been excluded.
- The claim lodgement date / purchase order creation date is between 01 January 2019 and 01 August 2023.
- Rotator cuff tear related claims have been identified where the injury description contains 'rotator cuff tear'. For this dataset, the decision is based on the following:
 - 'Accept' - Is where the cover decision is equal to 'Accept' and the rotator cuff tear injury status is equal to 'Approved' or 'Provisional'.
 - 'Decline' - Is where the cover decision is equal to 'Accept' and the rotator cuff tear injury status is equal to 'Declined' (for claims where there is more than one injury),
OR the cover decision is 'Decline' (for claims where there is only one injury).
- New claims is the count of claims that were lodged with ACC in the specified period. The lodgement date may be any date after the accident occurred.
- Claims with a purchase order for surgery is the count of claims in which the purchase order creation date was made in the specified period. The claim may have been lodged in the specified period or any previous period.
- A claim may include more than one purchase order in more than one calendar year and will be counted once in each relevant field, i.e. a claim may include a declined and an approved purchase order in the same calendar year or may include purchase orders in more than one calendar year.
- Data were extracted on 9 February 2024 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

Table 1: The number of new claims related to rotator cuff injuries lodged with ACC between 01 January 2019 and 01 August 2023, broken down by claim cover decision.

Cover Decision	Lodgement Calendar Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (to August)
Accept	2,554	2,313	2,275	2,312	1,322
Decline	1,172	1,051	848	920	486
Total	3,726	3,364	3,123	3,232	1,808

Table 3: The number of new accepted claims related to rotator cuff injuries lodged with ACC between 01 January 2019 and 01 August 2023, broken down by the top 10 most prevalent cause of accident.

Accident Cause	Lodgement Calendar Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (to August)
Loss of balance / personal control	939	813	831	815	479
Lifting / carrying / strain	464	411	421	426	235
Slipping / skidding on foot	336	303	292	309	188
Tripping or stumbling	228	218	192	207	115
Pushed or pulled	194	191	204	183	89
Struck by person / animal	96	74	79	77	42
Twisting movement	74	63	53	61	44
Collision / knocked over by object	53	64	49	63	35
Wk property or characteristics	26	52	38	41	15
Loss of control of vehicle	36	20	26	25	14
Other / Unknown	108	104	90	105	66
Total	2,554	2,313	2,275	2,312	1,322

Table 2: The number of claims related to rotator cuff injuries where a purchase order for surgery was made between 01 January 2019 and 01 August 2023, broken down by purchase order cover status.

	Purchase Order Created Calendar Year				
Purchase Order Cover Status	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (to August)
Approved	2,920	2,636	2,501	2,374	1,797
Declined	1,282	1,131	882	873	525
Total	4,093	3,669	3,276	3,121	2,291

Table 4: The number of new declined claims related to rotator cuff injuries lodged with ACC between 01 January 2019 and 01 August 2023, broken down by the top 10 most prevalent cause of accident.

	Lodgement Calendar Year				
Accident Cause	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (to August)
Lifting / carrying / strain	386	326	259	292	167
Loss of balance / personal control	291	300	244	231	121
Pushed or pulled	140	106	94	104	57
Slipping / skidding on foot	103	60	59	60	35
Tripping or stumbling	77	57	54	57	31
Twisting movement	44	36	28	36	16
Collision / knocked over by object	21	33	20	33	14
Wk property or characteristics	27	24	22	28	15
Struck by person / animal	16	24	20	21	9
Struck by held tool / implement	24	20	10	21	7
Other / Unknown	43	65	38	37	14
Total	1,172	1,051	848	920	486