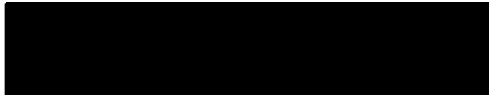


24 February 2023



Kia ora

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-023169**

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2023, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Can you please send me the information on Te Whatu Ora Counties Manukau Surgical site infection and complications results for the last 5 years. Could this also please be broken down to each surgical specialty please.*

**A treatment injury is a personal injury caused as a result of seeking or receiving medical treatment from a registered health professional**

In order to fulfil the criteria for cover, the person must have suffered a personal injury and there must be a clear causal link between the treatment and the injury, and the injury must not be a necessary part or ordinary consequence of the treatment.

When considering treatment injury data, it is important to note that the number of claims lodged with ACC cannot be taken as an accurate indication of the occurrence of injury during treatment or the quality of care. This is because, among other reasons, not all occurrences of injury during treatment are lodged with ACC. More information about treatment injury is available online here:

- <https://www.acc.co.nz/for-providers/treatment-safety/> and
- <https://www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/ACC7971-Supporting-Treatment-Safety-2021.pdf>.

**Please find the information you have requested in Tables 1 to 4 below**

Tables 1 and 2 have information on treatment injury claims for infections following surgery. The infections may or may not be at the surgery site. We have interpreted ‘complications’ as all other treatment injury claims resulting from surgery (ie. claims that exclude infection). Those claims are provided in Tables 3 and 4. Please refer to the background information and the notes throughout when reviewing the information.

**Treatment Injury claims information**

The treatment injury data was extracted on 8 February 2023 and includes claims for injuries between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2022 (the financial year), where the event leading to the claim was a surgical procedure in a facility within Te Whatu Ora Counties Manukau area.

**Table 1: Treatment injury claims for Counties Manukau: infections following Surgery – Cover Decision**

Injury Year	Accept	Decline	Total
2017/18	160	25	185
2018/19	200	25	225
2019/20	219	19	238
2020/21	178	12	190
2021/22	109	8	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>955</b>

**Table 2: Treatment injury claims for Counties Manukau: infections following Surgery – Accepted Claims by Treatment Context**

Injury Year	DHB Facilities					Other Facilities
	Gen. Surgery	Gynaecology	Maternity	Orthopaedics	Other	

2017/18	28	14	17	33	43	135	25
2018/19	40	11	14	61	44	170	30
2019/20	56	12	21	61	48	198	21
2020/21	38	5	10	47	52	152	26
2021/22	33	6	7	24	15	85	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>126</b>

Other Surgery Related Claims (excluding infections)

**Table 3: Treatment injury claims for Counties Manukau: Other Surgery related – Cover Decision**

Injury Year	Accept	Decline	Total
2017/18	156	104	260
2018/19	171	72	243
2019/20	162	53	215
2020/21	207	59	266
2021/22	121	31	152
<b>Total</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>1,136</b>

**Table 4: Treatment injury claims for Counties Manukau: Other Surgery related - Accepted Claims by Treatment Context**

Injury Year	DHB Facilities					Total	Other Facilities
	Gen. Surgery	Gynaecology	Maternity	Orthopaedics	Other		
2017/18	19	12	24	35	42	132	24
2018/19	20	8	15	44	53	140	31
2019/20	38	5	9	39	44	135	27
2020/21	33	18	17	43	49	160	47
2021/22	28	8	4	33	28	101	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>149</b>

*Tables 2 and 4*

These tables include claims for treatment provided in DHB facilities and those in other facilities, including private hospitals and General Practice.

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

ACC has decided to proactively release 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](http://www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12).

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

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