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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-018696

Thank you for your email of 8 June 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *How many claims of treatment injury from endometrial ablation have been received by ACC?*
- *How many claims of treatment injury from Novasure endometrial ablation have been received by ACC?*
- *If there are any such claims, has ACC approved cover/funding for treating:*
 - *Harm caused by endometrial ablation?*
 - *Harm caused by Novasure endometrial ablation specifically?*
- *If approved claims have resulted, how much has been paid out for:*
 - *Harm caused by endometrial ablation?*
 - *Harm caused by Novasure endometrial ablation specifically?*

A treatment injury is a personal injury caused as a result of seeking or receiving medical treatment from, or at the direction of, a registered health professional

To fulfil the criteria for cover, the person must have suffered a personal injury, 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.

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.

The data provided was extracted for Gynaecology treatment injury claims where the terms 'Endometrial Ablation' or 'Novasure' were used

We were able to identify 16 claims where 'Novasure' was recorded in our dataset. However, as we do not routinely record the type of endometrial ablation procedure, we are not providing a breakdown of the data for Novasure Endometrial Ablation specifically.

Number of treatment injury claims related to endometrial ablation between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2021

Treatment Injury Decision	Number of claims
Accepted	47
Declined	14
Total	61

Associated payment amount for treatment injury claims related to Endometrial Ablation between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2021

Treatment Injury Decision	Payment Amount
Accepted	\$1,254,787.60
Declined	\$12,180.05
Total	\$1,266,967.65

This data was extracted on 22 June 2022 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

If you're concerned about this response, please get in touch

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