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**Joyce, Eddie**

**From:** Bolt, Judy  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 9:09 AM  
**To:** Joyce, Eddie  
**Subject:** FW: Cataract surgeries

See below reply regarding cataract surgeries .

Judy

**From:** Freake, Teara <tearafreake@westernhealth.nl.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 9:05 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Cataract surgeries

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Hi Judy,

Here is the response to the inquiry from your office:

There have been no cataract procedures performed at Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital since January of 2021. Of note there were equipment challenges from January 15 – Sept 2022. One list was booked in November 2021 however it was cancelled due to Code Grey. There has been also challenges with availability of custom supplies. It is expected these issues will be rectified in the coming weeks. The service of ophthalmology has access to at least 1 list per week at this site. In addition, open days are offered as available to all surgeons over and above this.

The service of ophthalmology currently books and use 2 full lists at WMRH per week and one additional list per month. Prior to the opening of Apex Medical centre, ophthalmology consistently used 3 lists per week. The surgeon determines the list (ie what type of cases they will do in the OR including cataracts).

The surgical program can accommodate 3 lists per week at WMRJH and 1 list per week at STRH. In addition, open days are offered as available to all surgeons over and above this.

**Definitions**

List - A list is a full OR day for the surgeon to use at their discretion based on the scope of services provided at a particular location  
Open Days - Open days are days an assigned surgeon did not submit a list for or there is no surgeon assigned that day and other surgeons are able to use. Typically this equates to additional OR time above the allocation in their contract. This time is offered equally to all surgeons on a first come first serve basis.

Thanks Teara

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