



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2011-00185

May 3, 2012

Sent via email:

Dear _____ :

**Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)**

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. Your request is for:

Records related to the agreement signed between the ministry and the province's 18 retinal specialists on April 3, 2009 for the treatment of AMD and the provision of Lucentis, including the actual agreement as well as any and all drafts; Any and all records relating to meetings, discussion and correspondence between the specialists and any designated spokespeople for them, and ministry officials. The time frame for this request is September 1, 2008 to June 15, 2009.

Please find enclosed an **updated** copy of the records located in response to your request. Upon further review, it was determined that some information withheld under section 22, was in fact fictitious in nature. Therefore, we have removed severing as required – you will likely identify those areas easily as they appear as sample tables with physician and patient information. As originally determined some information is still withheld pursuant to section(s) 13 (Policy advice or recommendations) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Please note some information in the records is marked 'not responsive' as it does not respond to the wording and/or the date range of your request. Your file remains closed.

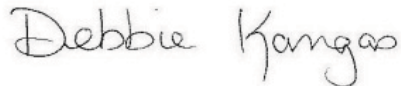
These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after it has been released by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Beverly Newton, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-7996. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-7867, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-387-7996.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Kangas".

Debbie Kangas, Team Lead
Health / Education Team
Information Access Operations
Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.