



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2016-62672

August 15, 2016

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 indicating why Finasteride is not on the basic formulary list of drugs eligible for Pharmacare coverage and a list of more cost effective yet equally effective drugs on the basic formulary list that are covered by Pharmacare.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety.

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Marylea Reid, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2375. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 778 698-2375.

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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 dark ink, reading "Maxine Vanzetta". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Maxine" and last name "Vanzetta" clearly distinguishable.

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education / MSDSI 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.