

# Sister fears for accident victim

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A Georgetown woman has to wait until June 27 for surgery despite excruciating pain from a serious shoulder injury and her family is desperately trying to get the date moved up.

Christine Ford suffered the injury after falling off her bicycle on Wildwood Rd. Friday, June 10 and was taken to Georgetown Hospital by ambulance.

Because Georgetown didn't have the facilities to treat her sister Barbara Ford-Pimento took Ford to Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital which, in turn, suggested she go to Brampton Civic Hospital.

"Basically after 13 hours in emergency rooms and three hospitals later, Christine still did not receive the help she needed, nor the most basic of care— control of her agonizing pain. Christine was not able to stand up on her own, or even do the most basic functions such as feeding herself and yet three hospitals released her," said Ford-Pimento.

She said her sister's appointment with the surgeon last Friday was grim.

"The surgeon said that the ball of her shoulder has been smashed. It needs to be completely reconstructed. There are bone fragments that are dying because of lack of blood which is a huge problem as every fragment is needed for reconstruction,"

said Ford-Pimento.

She said her sister's been told she must continue to endure the debilitating pain until June 27— the date of her surgery.

Ford-Pimento said she was told the surgery should have been scheduled absolutely no later than 14 days after the accident; Ford's appointment is 17 days after.



**CHRISTINE FORD**

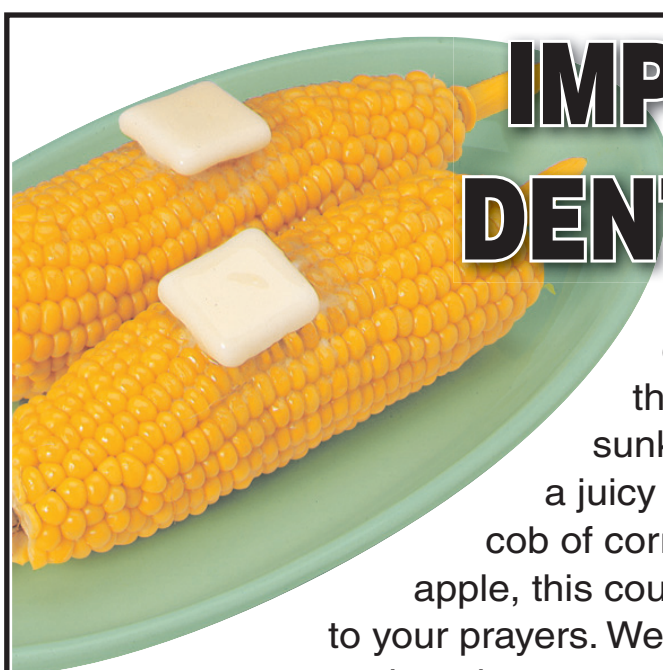
"At this rate, there most definitely will be pieces that won't be able to be saved. It's imperative her surgery be moved up if she is going to have any use of her arm.

"Christine is a resident of Ontario... and the quality of care she is receiving is so poor it's utterly shocking," said Ford-Pimento.

"Given the seriousness of the situation she should have been originally sent to Sunnybrook Hospital, which is a trauma hospital and has the ability to cope with this complex a situation," said Ford-Pimento. "She's lost a vital week of possible recovery due to the lack of care provided by three hospitals.

"I recognize Georgetown is a limited hospital, but I think they should have an obligation that when someone comes in with health issues that are greater than the hospital can treat they should have a legal and moral responsibility to transfer them to a centre that has the ability to treat them," said Ford-Pimento.

They have been contacting MPs in the Halton area and Premier Dalton McGuinty to try to get someone to help.



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