

Perioperative service capability framework

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Indicative procedure lists for planned procedures

The below list is applicable to planned procedures for otherwise healthy adults patients (aged 16 and above). The list provides procedure examples to help inform the delivery of comparable services at each capability level. The examples given, are drawn from different specialties as there is no widely accepted and validated system for classifying the complexity of surgical procedures. The list is intended as a guide only and does not replace clinical judgement.

Indicative procedure list for adults

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skin lesion excision• Removal of wart• Tooth extraction• Minor wound debridement• Debridement or removal of corns or calluses• Nail surgery performed under local anaesthetic• Diagnostic hysteroscopy• Intrauterine device insertion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor dento-alveolar surgery• Minor hand, wrist and foot injuries• Carpal tunnel release• Gastroscopy and colonoscopy• Drainage of abscess• Small subcutaneous tumour or cyst excision• Vasectomy• Drainage of minor soft tissue abscesses and infections• Cataract extraction and intraocular lens insertion (ocular lens extraction)• Flexible cystoscopy• Operative hysteroscopy• Surgical termination of pregnancy up to 12 weeks gestation (suction curettes)• Cone biopsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dental implant placement or removal• Major endodontic surgery• Primary (uncomplicated) hip and knee replacement• Arthroscopy shoulder and knee including meniscectomy• Excision of breast lump• Major skin excision with rotation flap or graft closure• Exploratory laparotomy/ laparoscopy including division of adhesions and limited bowel resection• Transurethral resection of the prostate• Orchidectomy• Cholecystectomy• Groin or umbilical hernia• Varicose vein surgery• Septoplasty and sinus surgery• Laparoscopic gynaecology surgery• Hysterectomy (abdominal, vaginal or laparoscopic)• Anterior or posterior vaginal repair

Indicative procedure list for adults (continued)

Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoulder reconstruction or joint replacement Major large bowel resection Mastectomy Interventional endoscopy Bladder neck procedures for stress incontinence Arteriovenous fistula Thyroidectomy Abdominal pelvic floor repair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Osteotomy and orthognathic surgery Fracture non-union – treatment Revision of hip or knee replacement Major amputation (below, above or through knee) Breast reconstruction Nephrectomy Endovascular grafts Aorto-bifemoral grafts Carotid endarterectomy Parathyroidectomy Major gastric resection External and middle ear surgery Extensive or complicated skin graft (for example, hand, perineal) Major flap reconstruction including free flap Surgical termination of pregnancy up to 18 weeks gestation Radical hysterectomy Repair rectovaginal fistula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maxillo-facial resection and reconstruction Extradural Spinal Surgery including discectomy and spinal fusion Intradural Spinal Surgery Radical cystectomy Arteriovenous malformation (AVM) surgery Craniotomy (base of skull or cortical convexity) surgery Coronary artery bypass graft Heart valve replacement Major head and neck tumour resection and reconstruction Inner ear surgery Major gynaecological oncology surgery Microsurgical tissue transfer

Note: The actual range of procedures that may be performed by individual practitioners will be determined through the credentialing process, where clinical privileges and scope of practice are granted.

Paediatric indicative procedure list

The below list is applicable to planned procedures for otherwise healthy children aged 0-16 (ASA 1). Children with significant co-morbidities or complex syndromes may require their procedure to be provided at a higher capability hospital. There is no widely accepted and validated system for classifying the complexity of surgical procedures. The examples given below, drawn from different specialties, are intended to provide an indicative guide only and do not replace clinical judgement.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skin lesion excision Removal of wart Tooth extraction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage of abscess Minor debridement Skin biopsy Skin lesion excision Skin lesion curettage and cautery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy Insertion of grommets Closed reduction of fracture Diagnostic/ therapeutic endoscopy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suture of laceration • Tooth extraction • Skin excision with flap or graft closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insertion/ removal percutaneous wire • Simple skin graft • Superficial corneal foreign body removal • Squint surgery • Herniotomy • Tympanoplasty
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Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendectomy • Orthopaedic sports surgery (e.g. arthroscopic procedures, including ACL, meniscectomy) • Foot & ankle surgery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of colostomy • Operative reduction of intussusception • Ureteric reimplantation • Urethroplasty • Single limb/joint surgery (e.g osteotomy, benign tumour work, guided growth) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleft lip/palate surgery • Major reconstructive surgery • Open heart surgery • Scoliosis surgery • Major abdominal surgery • Thoracotomy • Orthopaedic oncology

Note: The actual range of procedures that may be performed by individual practitioners will be determined through the credentialing process where clinical privileges/scope of practice is granted.

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