

Management and Outcomes of Perioperative Care among European Diabetic Patients: (MOPED): A prospective observational, international cohort study

Definition of the Urgency of Surgery: The NCEPOD Classification

Category	Description	Target time to theatre	Expected location	Example Scenarios	Typical procedures
Immediate	Immediate (A) lifesaving or (B) limb or organ-saving intervention. Resuscitation simultaneous with surgical treatment.	Within minutes of decision to operate	Next available operating theatre – “break-in” to existing lists if required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruptured aortic aneurysm • Major trauma to abdomen or thorax • Fracture with major neurovascular deficit • Compartment syndrome • Acute myocardial infraction (AMI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair of ruptured aortic aneurysm • Laparotomy/ thoracotomy for control of haemorrhage • Fasciotomy • Coronary angioplasty
Urgent	Acute onset or deterioration of conditions that threaten life, limb or organ survival; fixation of fractures; relief of distressing symptoms.	Within hours of decision to operate and normally once resuscitation completed	Day time “emergency” list or Out-of-hours emergency theatre (including at night)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compound fracture • Perforated bowel with peritonitis • Critical organ or limb ischaemia • Acute coronary syndromes (ACS) • Perforating eye injuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debridement plus fixation of fracture • Laparotomy for perforation • Coronary angioplasty
Expedited	Stable patient requiring early intervention for a condition that is not an immediate	Within days of decision to operate	Elective list which has “spare” capacity or Day time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tendon and nerve injuries • Stable & non-septic patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair of tendon and nerve injuries

	threat to life, limb or organ survival		“emergency” list (not at night)	<p>for wide range of surgical procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retinal detachment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excision of tumour with potential to bleed or obstruct • Coronary angioplasty
Elective	Surgical procedure planned or booked in advance of routine admission to hospital	Planned	Elective theatre list booked & planned prior to admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encompasses all conditions not classified as immediate, urgent or expedited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective AAA repair • Laparoscopic cholecystectomy • Varicose vein surgery • Joint replacement • Coronary angioplasty