

Elective Surgery Acuity Scale (ESAS)

Tiers	Action	Definition	Locations	Examples
Tier 1a	Postpone surgery/procedure	Low acuity surgery/healthy patient outpatient surgery Not life-threatening illness	HOPD* ASC** Hospital with low/no COVID-19 census	-Carpal tunnel release -Screening endoscopy -Cataracts -Cosmetic plastics -Aesthetic and Preventative Dentistry -Podiatric Procedures -Non-obstructive BPH -Surveillance Cystoscopy - Vasectomy - Urologic Prosthetics
Tier 1b	Postpone surgery/procedure	Low acuity surgery/unhealthy patient	HOPD ASC Hospital with low/no COVID-19 census	-Bariatrics -Joint Replacement w/o fracture -Non-essential spine surgery
Tier 2a	Consider postponing surgery/procedure	Intermediate acuity surgery/healthy patient Not life threatening but potential for future morbidity and mortality Requires in-hospital stay	HOPD ASC Hospital with low/no COVID-19 census	-Low risk cancer -Elective angioplasty
Tier 2b	Postpone surgery/procedure if possible	Intermediate acuity surgery/unhealthy patient	HOPD ASC Hospital with low/no COVID-19 census	
Tier 3a	Do not postpone	High acuity surgery/healthy patient	Hospital	-Most cancers -Spinal stenosis w/symptoms -Highly symptomatic patients
Tier 3b	Do not postpone	High acuity surgery/unhealthy patient	Hospital	-Transplants -Trauma -Cardiac w/symptoms -Limb threatening vascular surgery