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Elective Surgery Acuity Scale (ESAS)

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Tiers/Description	Definition	Locations	Examples	Action
Tier 1a	Low acuity surgery/healthy patient Outpatient surgery Not life threatening illness	HOPD ASC Hospital with low/no COVID- 9 census	Carpal tunnel release Penile prosthesis EGD Colonoscopy	Postpone surgery or perform at ASC
Tier 1b	Low acuity surgery/unhealthy patient	HOPD ASC Hospital with low/no COVID-19 census		Postpone surgery or perform at an ASC
Tier 2a	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 Non urgent spine Ureteral colic	Postpone surgery if possible or consider ASC
Tier 2b	Intermediate acuity surgery/unhealthy patient	HOPD ASC Hospital with low/no COVID-19 census		Postpone surgery if possible or consider ASC
Tier 3a	High acuity surgery/healthy patient	Hospital	Most cancers Highly symptomatic patients	Do not postpone
Tier 3b	High acuity surgery/unhealthy patient	Hospital		Do not postpone

HOPD – Hospital Outpatient Department

ASC – Ambulatory Surgery Center