COVID-19 Surgery and Procedure Response Plan
University Hospital and Children’s & Women’s Hospital

Definitions

Non-Time Sensitive Surgery – scheduled surgery for patients in whom postponement will not have a negative impact on the patient’s health

Time Sensitive Surgery – scheduled surgery for patients in whom a delay could have potential negative effects on a patient’s health

Urgent Surgery – unscheduled surgery that must be done within eight hours for the patient’s well being

Emergent Surgery – unscheduled surgery for conditions that pose an immediate threat to a patient’s life/neurologic status/limb

Level 1
Criteria:
• No cases of COVID-19 at hospital, minimal to no evidence of community transmission1

Response:
• Surgeons could have a 1:1 discussion with patient about risks/benefits of proceeding or postponement of non-time sensitive surgery
  o Postpone if the patient and the surgeon reached a shared decision to do so
  o Postpone non-time sensitive surgery if patient has clinical signs/symptoms of COVID-19

Level 2:
Criteria:
• Confirmed cases of COVID-19 at hospital and minimal to moderate community transmission1
• Potential impact on facility and system resources (people and/or supplies)

Response:
• Postpone/reschedule non-time sensitive surgery
• Consider rescheduling of time sensitive surgery

Level 3:
Criteria:
• Substantial level of community transmission1
• Institutional resources taxed by COVID-19 disease burden (personnel, supplies, hospital beds, ICU beds, blood availability)

Response:
• Postpone all time-sensitive and non-time sensitive surgery
• Only emergent and urgent surgery will be performed
• Permission to perform any non-urgent or non-emergent case requires OR leadership approval