

COVID-19 Guidance: Non-Urgent Procedures Postponement

Directed Health Measures effective November 16, 2020 postpone Class “D” and “E” surgeries.

Below is the classification for each class of surgery:

- Class A** – Life/limb at risk: should be done now.
- Class B** – Time sensitive outcome necessitating procedure within 24 hours: short delays acceptable.
- Class C** – Time sensitive outcome necessitating procedure within 4 weeks: reschedule within 4 weeks as resources permit and at the discretion of the surgeons.
- Class D** – Can wait 4 - 12 weeks or longer without substantial change in outcome: reschedule for later date.
- Class E** – Can wait greater than 12 weeks without substantial change in outcome: postpone and reassess in 12 weeks for rescheduling.

When clinically appropriate movement through classes is permissible. Example situation: Medical provider determined a patient’s procedure can be scheduled between 4 – 12 weeks in the future. This is a Class D Procedure. However, subsequent to scheduling, patient’s condition has declined such that the procedure must be scheduled within 24 hours, thus the procedure is now Class B and no longer elective.

