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- The purpose of the guideline is to promote national consistency and comparability in urgency categorisation and improve equity of access for patients undergoing elective surgery.
- The guideline acts as a reference for treating

## Background

In 2012, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) worked together



## Guiding Principles

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**NATIONAL SELECTED  
COMMON ELECTIVE  
SURGERY PROCEDURES**

# CARDIO THORACIC SURGERY

SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES	USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY
C /	2
C	2
H ↗	2
L ↗ / / ↗ ↗	1
P	2

# GENERAL SURGERY

SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES	USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY
A	2
A	1
B  /	1
C  ( / )	3
C  ( / )	1
C  ( / )  	2
( 0 )	
C  / /	1
F	3
H  	3
H  / / / 	3
L 	3
M +/-	1
M 	1
O ( - )	2
P  / 	2
P 	2
P	3
(  )	3
 /  - 	2





# OPHTHALMOLOGY SURGERY

SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES		USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY
B	( )	3
C	(+/- - )	3
C	(+/- - )	1
C	(+/- -   )	2
C		3
C		3
D		3
E		3
E		2
P	- D	3
P		3
P		3
		3
		2
		1
	( / )	2
	( / )	1



# OTOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD AND NECK SURGERY












SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES	USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY
A      ↗	3
E   ↗      ↗	3
F	3
L      ↗	1
M      ↗	3
M	2
M      /      ↗	3
M      ↗	3







# UROLOGICAL SURGERY

SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES	USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY
B	3
C  (  )	3
C 	1
C	3
E  	3
H	3
H	3
L	2
M	3
N 	2
O 	1
O	3
P  ( )	2
P	1
P	2
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/ 	1
-	2
- 	3
	1
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# VASCULAR SURGERY



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SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES	USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY
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-	3
	3
	2
	2
	2
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	3
	3
	2
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	2
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	1
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	3
	3
	1
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	1
	3





