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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 |
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| C / | 2 |
| C | 2 |
| H ↗ | 2 |
| L ↗ / / ↗ ↗ | 1 |
| P | 2 |

GENERAL SURGERY

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



NEUROSURGERY



OPHTHALMOLOGY SURGERY

| SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES | | USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY |
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| 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 |
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| A ↗ | 3 |
| E ↗ ↗ | 3 |
| F | 3 |
| L ↗ | 1 |
| M ↗ | 3 |
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| M / ↗ | 3 |
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PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

| SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES | USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY |
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| B ↗ (↗) | 2 |
| B (↗) | 3 |
| B (↗) | 3 |
| C | 3 |
| D | 3 |
| L ↗ +/- | 3 |
| L ↗ ↗ | 3 |
| M +/- | 1 |
| (↗) | 3 |
| , - ↗ | 3 |
| (↗) | 3 |
| / ↗ | 2 |

UROLOGICAL SURGERY

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



VASCULAR SURGERY



SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES

USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY

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| C | ⌚ (/) ⌚⌚ | 2 |
| C | ⌚ (⌚) | 3 |
| C | | 3 |
| C | ⌚ / / | 1 |
| C | | 2 |
| C | ⌚⌚ | 2 |
| C | | 1 |
| C | / | 2 |
| C | ⌚ ⌚ | 1 |
| C | | 3 |
| C | | 2 |
| C | | 3 |
| C | ⌚ ⌚ ⌚ () | 1 |
| C | | |

| SELECTED COMMON PROCEDURES | USUAL URGENCY CATEGORY |
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