

## COVID-19 - Surgical Procedures Guidelines

**1. Surgical Need:** What is the urgency of the surgical procedure?

**2. Urgency:**  
Is the situation urgent or life-threatening currently or may be so in **72** hours?

YES

Proceed with procedure

NO

**3. Procedure Type:** Is the procedure

**A. Therapeutic Procedure**

**I. Procedure Goal:** Aim to cure non-life threatening condition, relieve pain or distress

**II. Examples:**  
Joint replacement;  
Uterine fibroid surgery;  
Cataract surgery;  
Ear tube insertion

Hold Procedure

**B. Diagnostic Procedure**

**I. Procedure Goal:** Goal is to identify nature or cause of symptoms or conditions and an intervention may be curative

**II. Examples:**  
Cystoscopy/Hysteroscopy;  
Biopsy/MOHs;  
Colonoscopy

Will it potentially cure a life-threatening condition?

NO

YES

Proceed with procedure