

General Surgery – Booking patients into Theatre

Usually as an SHO but also as an FY1, it is important to know how to book patients into theatre – both Elective and Emergency

Emergency Surgery Booking

- General Surgery Emergencies are usually in Main Theatre 4
- Booking is done in Emergency Theatre Booking, on The Hub
- When booking patients into theatre you will require the following
 - Patient details and Location of patient - useful to have a patient sticker with you
 - Name and Date of proposed operation
 - Name of Consultant who will be operating and URGENCY of operation (NCEPOD classification)
 - Other details including when patient has been NBM from, if consent has been obtained etc
 - Latest investigations – Hb, INR, whether patient has been group and screened and crossmatched (especially for Laparotomies)
 - Also ensure you calculate the NELA score for all Laparotomies (non-trauma) and Laparoscopic bowel resections and enter it on the consent form and the Booking form. There is an App called **PoRC (Perioperative Risk Calculator)** which gives you the score when you input patients results.
- After completing a booking form, it is important to inform the **Emergency Theatre (Main Theatre 4) on Bleep 7224 or Extension 2685**
- Make sure you inform the **Anaesthetist on-call on Bleep 7018**

NCEPOD categories

Category	Description	Time to theatre
1	Needs to go to theatre within minutes for immediate life-saving procedure (e.g., exsanguinations or AAA rupture) <i>Do not need to wait for G&S – can use O- blood if required</i>	≤ 1 hour
2A	In theatre as soon as possible within hours to save life but cannot wait to be resuscitated (e.g., bowel perf) <i>Need to ensure G&S is done.</i>	≤6 hours
2B	In theatre as soon as possible within hours but can wait to be starved (e.g. appendicitis)	<18 hours
3	Needs to go to theatre within 36 hours but not overnight (e.g. lap chole)	<36 hours

Elective Surgery Booking Forms

- To book patients for elective operations you need to fill in a form and hand this to the general surgery secretaries.
- This form is available with the general surgery secretaries.
- Most of the secretaries are happy to be emailed about the patient details and planned procedure. Ensure you CC the Consultant into the email as well.