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

   NO: 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

   NO: Will it potentially cure a life-threatening condition?

   YES: Proceed with procedure

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