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**Surgical Risk Classification System**  
(To be matched with pre-op testing tables)

**(low risk)**

1. Minimal risk to patient
2. Minimally invasive with little or no blood loss
3. Often done in an office setting with the operating room principally for anesthesia and monitoring

Includes: breast biopsy, removal of minor skin or subcutaneous lesions, myringotomy tubes, hysteroscopy, cystoscopy, fiberoptic bronchoscopy, arthroscopy.

**(Moderate risk)**

1. Minimal to moderately invasive procedure
2. Blood loss less than 500 cc - 1500 cc
3. Mild risk to patient independent of anesthesia

Includes: Diagnostic laparoscopy, D&C, fallopian tube ligation, inguinal hernia repair, laparoscopic lysis of adhesions, tonsillectomy/adenoidectomy, umbilical hernia repair, septoplasty/rhinoplasty, percutaneous lung biopsy, hysterectomy, myomectomy, cholecystectomy, laminectomy, major laparoscopic procedures, resection/reconstructive surgery of digestive tract, hip/knee replacement.

**(High risk)**

1. Highly invasive procedure
2. Blood loss greater than 1500 cc common
3. Major risk to patient independent of anesthesia

Includes: Major orthopedic-spinal reconstruction, major reconstruction of the GI tract, major vascular surgery, major genitourinary surgery (e.g., RRP), Thoracic procedure, intracranial procedure, major procedure on the oropharynx, major vascular, skeletal, neurologic repair, total joint revisions

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