

N.E.S.T.

NON-ELECTIVE SURGERY TRIAGE

The NEST Criteria is required for scheduling non-elective surgery cases. **The provider is responsible for determining and communicating the decision to incision time frame.** The facility (OR and Anesthesia board runner) is responsible for determining how to accommodate the add on cases as quickly as possible and within the designated timeframes given.

New Terminology (NEST Level)	Time Frame Decision to Incision (Upper time limit to be used when multiple NEST requests)	Clinical Examples These examples are guidelines only. Based on the patient's acuity, the NEST level may not coincide with these examples.
NEST 1	Immediate (within minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled hemorrhage from any site with hemodynamic instability <input type="checkbox"/> Epidural hematoma with GCS < 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Airway compromise
NEST 2	Within 1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> GSW to neck/chest/abdomen without hemodynamic instability or airway compromise <input type="checkbox"/> TBI with GCS < 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Limb ischemia <input type="checkbox"/> Diffuse peritonitis <input type="checkbox"/> Perforated viscous <input type="checkbox"/> Abscess with severe sepsis or septic shock <input type="checkbox"/> Necrotizing fasciitis <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic amputation above the wrist or ankle <input type="checkbox"/> Compartment Syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> Irreducible joint dislocation associated with neurologic or vascular injury
NEST 3	Within 4 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Incarcerated hernia containing bowel or bladder <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 open fracture <input type="checkbox"/> Complete bowel obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Unreducible dislocation of major joint <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic amputation between the digits and wrist or ankle <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased Donor Kidney Transplant <input type="checkbox"/> Septic arthritis of major joint
NEST 4	Within 12 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Partial bowel obstruction not improving <input type="checkbox"/> Appendicitis <input type="checkbox"/> Abscess without septic shock <input type="checkbox"/> Complex lacerations <input type="checkbox"/> Contaminated soft tissue injuries not involving fracture <input type="checkbox"/> Unstable pelvic fracture <input type="checkbox"/> Closed femur fracture
NEST 5	Within 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cholecystitis <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 1 or 2 open fracture (includes mandible fractures) <input type="checkbox"/> Closed fracture of the hip <input type="checkbox"/> Closed fracture lower extremity long bone
NEST 6	Within 48 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Biopsy for diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> Organ Procurement <input type="checkbox"/> Unstable Acetabulum
Routine/Scheduled	Time & Space Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed fractures except above listed