


CLASSIFICATION OF URGENCY OF CESAREAN SECTION

(QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)

We propose that this categorization system for cesarean section will improve communication between obstetrics, anesthesiology and nursing to facilitate resource allocation, particularly during evenings and nights. This classification system is merely a guide and is not meant to replace clinical judgement.

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A Continuum of Risk

	Urgency	Definition	<u>Time to Delivery</u> ¹	Category
	Maternal or fetal compromise	Immediate threat to life of woman or fetus <i>example Code 99</i>	<30 min	1
		No immediate threat to life of woman or fetus <i>example Abnormal FHR</i>	<60 min*	2
	No maternal or fetal compromise	Requires earlier than planned delivery <i>example Failure to progress</i>	<120 min*	3
		At a time to suit the woman and maternity services <i>example Elective C/S with SROM or labour</i>	Once fasted*	4

Adapted from RCOG and RANZCOG Guidelines for Categorization of Cesarean Section.

1. Time to delivery is from the decision for C/S and communication with anesthesiology staff to delivery. There is to be reevaluation of timing through staff-to-staff communication at the half way point for "Cat" 2,3,4 cesarean sections (see *) and with any other changes in patient status.
2. OR team for non-elective C/S: Please scan QR code below for a 2 minutes QI survey to help us meet our goals.

