



*Assumes patient has no additional risk factors. Clinical context and competing risks might include, but are not limited to, the presence of high-risk comorbidities or difficult airway, the need for urgent or emergent general anesthesia, or the choice of neuraxial technique (i.e. spinal versus epidural anesthetic).

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