GENERAL SURGERY PRIORITY CRITERIA TOOL

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Patient Name: _____ HSN:_____

Patient Date of Birth ____ _____ _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F
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This Form Completed By:
Surgeon _____
Other Clinician_____
Office Staff _____

Does your patient want a confirmation letter? If NO check here ☐

Please check the box that most accurately describes the patient's current situation.

1) Score as proven or suspected cancer **only** if the patient is being treated for a malignancy **or** if clinical features and investigations include malignancy in differential diagnosis. Please check the box that most accurately describes the patient's current situation:

☐ Patient with proven or suspected invasive cancer.
Priority 1 - 95% of surgeries to be performed within 3 weeks.

☐ Patient with proven or suspected indolent cancer.
Priority 3 - 90% of surgeries to be performed within 3 months.

☐ Patient requires a routine screening or follow-up procedure for cancer detection.
A scheduled procedure to be performed within 12 months.

2) Usual **frequency** of painful episodes/suffering:

0 ☐ None
3 ☐ Occasional
6 ☐ Often
9 ☐ Constant

3) How **intense** is the pain at its worst?

0 ☐ No pain
4 ☐ Mild
8 ☐ Moderate
12 ☐ Severe

4) Usual **intensity** of other forms of suffering. Please specify form of suffering (check all that apply):

	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Nausea or vomiting	0☐	4☐	8☐	12☐
Fatigue	0☐	4☐	8☐	12☐
Itching	0☐	4☐	8☐	12☐
Psychological stress such as anxiety or depression	0☐	4☐	8☐	12☐
Other: _____	0☐	4☐	8☐	12☐

5) Degree of impairment in usual activities due to surgical condition:

0 ☐ Not impaired at all/mildly impaired
5 ☐ Able but difficult and/or somewhat impaired
10 ☐ Able but very difficult and at much reduced level
15 ☐ Totally dependent (unable to perform any usual activities)

6) Recent history of major complications of condition ***OR*** significant physical exam results ***OR*** significant test results:

0 ☐ No 8 ☐ Yes

7) Life-expectancy implications of condition without procedure:

0 ☐ Minimal threat to life
10 ☐ Patient faces somewhat reduced life expectancy
15 ☐ Patient faces substantially reduced life expectancy
20 ☐ Patient has condition that is likely to be fatal between six months and two years
25 ☐ Patient has condition that is likely to be fatal within six months

8) Expected improvement in life expectancy with surgery:

0 ☐ None 10 ☐ Moderate
5 ☐ Minimal 20 ☐ Major