

INDICATION

Stratifies health status prior to consideration of surgery

INTERPRETATION		
DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE	ASA
Normal healthy patient	Healthy, non-smoker, min or low alcohol use	ASA 1
Patient with mild systemic disease	Mild disease without functional limitation eg obesity, well controlled diabetes	ASA 2
Patient with severe systemic disease	Substantial functional limitation, ≥1 moderate to severe diseases	ASA 3
Patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life	MI/CVA within past 3 months, severe LVSD, sepsis etc	ASA 4
Moribund patient not expected to survive without the operation	Ruptured AAA, intracranial bleed with mass effect	ASA 5
Patient declared brain-dead whose organs are being removed for donor purposes	N/A	ASA 6