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## COVID 19: Elective Case Triage Guidelines for Surgical Care

### Metabolic and Bariatric

#### 1.4 Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) (v3.23.20)

##### Emergency

Needs immediate action; life threatening or permanent organ damage

- Patients in hemorrhagic shock
- Patients in septic shock
- Necrotizing soft tissue infections
- Perforated viscus
- Airway emergencies
- Risk of Ischemic bowel
- Specific Bariatric: Perforated marginal ulcer, bleeding, anastomatic or staple-line leak, obstruction particularly internal hernia, gastric band perforation or prolapse

##### Urgent

Needs surgery; may be delayed by a few days/weeks

- Bariatric: revisions for dysphagia, severe gerd, pain, dehydration/malnutrition, slipped band, anastomotic strictures at risk for aspiration
- Primary cases for patients pending surgery requiring preop weight loss ie transplant,etc..

##### Elective

May be delayed for months without threat to life or organ damage

- Bariatric: primary gastric bypass, sleeve, duodenal switch, gastric band
- Revisions for weight gain

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