

Supplemental Table 1. Provincial definitions of priority levels for subspecialty surgery types.

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2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate probability of disease progression. Low probability of disease occurrence or progression impacting morbidity or mortality. 							
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All patients who do not meet the criteria of Priority 2 or Priority 4. 							
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal risk of disease progression impacting morbidity/mortality. 							

^a The Vision Task Force Committee. Quality-Based Procedures. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.