

OPHTHALMOLOGY

National Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC)

Patient ID: Complete patient details or place patient sticker here _____

Nat. Hospital No.: _____ Consultant: _____

Name: _____ D.O.B. ____/____/____

Address: _____

Name of Assessor: _____

Date of Assessment: ____/____/____

Diagnosis: _____ **Procedure:** _____

Category Definitions :		
1. Immediate (91 – 100 points)		–within 24 hours
2. Urgent (71 – 90 points)		–within 4 weeks
3. Semi-Urgent (51 – 70 points)		–within 12 weeks
4. Routine (21 – 50 points)		–within 6 months
5. Deferrable (<20 points)		–deferrable
6. Staged / Planned		–management to achieve optimal outcome

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Disease or Diagnosis	Category	Score Range	Score
Ocular Trauma			
Acute trauma – priority determined case by case	1 or 2	71-100	
Blowout fracture	2	71-90	
Infections			
Endophthalmitis – usually following penetrating trauma or surgery	1	91-100	
Acute keratitis	1	91-100	
Orbital cellulitis	1	91-100	
Acute dacryocystitis	1	91-100	
Chronic dacryocystitis	4	21-50	
Other non-sight threatening infections	3 or 4	21-70	
Tumours			
Malignant – intraocular	2	71-90	
– of the lids (low grade BCC's)	3	51-70	
Orbital tumours – suspected malignant	2	71-100	
– low grade malignant or benign	3 or 4	21-70	
Other tumours	2, 3 or 4	21-90	
Enucleation/Evisceration			
Malignant tumour or severe pain	2	71-90	
Risk to other eye	2	71-90	
Cosmetic	4 or 5	0-50	
Retinal Disease			
Retinal detachment with macula not detached	1	91-100	
Retinal detachment with macula detached	2	71-90	
Vitreous haemorrhage	2 or 3	51-90	
Retinal pathology requiring laser photocoagulation	2	71-90	
Retinal holes tears etc	2	71-90	
Retinopathy of prematurity	2	71-90	
Diabetic retinopathy	2 or 3	51-90	

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Glaucoma			
Acute glaucoma	1	91-100	
Chronic glaucoma with high risk of visual loss	2	71-90	
Neovascular glaucoma	2	71-90	
Glaucoma with pain ++	2	71-90	
Chronic glaucoma with low risk of visual loss	3	51-70	
Cataracts			
Lens induced glaucoma	2	71-90	
Cataract extraction required in order to treat posterior segment disease e.g. Diabetic retinopathy	3	51-70	
All other cataracts see separate scoring system	4 or 5	0-50	
Corneal Disease Requiring Keratoplasty			
Score as for cataract but add 20 points for long visual recovery	4	0-70	
Squints			
Risk of amblyopia or loss of BSV	3	65	
Causing diplopia	3	55	
Cosmetic with impact on psychological development	4	45	
Cosmetic >20 prism dioptres with psychological impact	4	35	
Cosmetic >20 prism dioptres	4	25	
Cosmetic < 20 prism dioptres	5	10	
Ptosis			
Paediatric threatening vision	3	51-70	
Adult affecting vision	4	21-50	
Cosmetic - severe	4	21-50	
- other	5	0-20	
Epiphora			
Childhood	3	51-70	
Adult - troublesome	4	21-50	
Ectropion/Entropion			
Entropion	3	51-70	
Ectropion - with corneal pathology	3	51-70	
- without corneal pathology	4	21-50	
Pterygium			
Threatening vision	4	21-50	
Non-sight threatening	5	0-20	
Staged Procedures			
EUA, radiation plaque, skin flaps, strabismus re-operations, vitreo-retinal surgery, etc	6	Staged	
Refractive Eye Care			
Amblyogenic refractive errors	3	51-70	
Low vision aids	4	21-50	

Notes : If the patient requires more than one procedure the score should relate to the most significant procedure.

If there is a conflict between the patient's criteria score and generally accepted clinical practice then the latter should prevail.