

OPHTHALMOLOGY

National Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC)

Category Definitions :	1. 91 - 100 points	- <i>within 24 hours</i>
	2. 71 - 90 points	- <i>within 4 weeks</i>
	3. 51 - 70 points	- <i>within 12 weeks</i>
	4. 21 - 50 points	- <i>within 6 months</i>
	5. <20 points	- <i>deferrable</i>
	6. Staged / Planned	- <i>management to achieve optimal outcome</i>
The times to treatment may vary depending on size and staffing of the hospital department.		

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Category	Clinical Condition	Clinical Management
1. 91 - 100 points Any condition referred under RGs as immediate	a) TRAUMA	Repair of ocular/peri-orbital trauma Removal IOFB
	b) INFECTIONS Endophthalmitis, keratitis etc Orbital cellulitis etc	Vitreotomy, corneal graft Drainage of abscess
	c) INFLAMMATORY DISEASE GCA, Optic neuritis, scleritis etc.	Admission/IV Rx etc.
	d) VISUAL LOSS Retinal detachment macula on Acute glaucoma	Retinal detachment/vitreotomy Glaucoma procedures (urgent) ESP. YAG PI
2. 71 - 90 points	a) MALIGNANCY Intra-ocular tumours Orbital tumours Ocular adnexae, lids tumours	Admission and investigation Plaque Rx, laser, enucleation Biopsy, DXR, exenteration Excision and reconstruction
	b) REVERSIBLE LOSS or THREATENED PERMANENT LOSS OF VISION Retinal detachment macular off Vitreous haemorrhage (see below) Retinal/macular pathology Glaucoma*, severe threat to vision incl. lens induced glaucoma Diabetic eye disease Retinal holes, macular and retinal dis. Retinopathy of prematurity	Retinal detachment/vitreotomy Retinal laser photocoagulation Glaucoma op's (some cases) Special Cataract op Laser photocoagulation RD/vitreotomy Laser photocoagulation Laser/cryo-/RD-vitreotomy ops
	c) THREATENED PERMANENT DISABILITY Orbital blow out fracture	Oculoplastic surgery
	d) SEVERE OCULAR/ORBITAL PAIN Neovascular glaucoma	Admission and Medical Rx Molteno drain, evisceration etc
3. 51 - 70 points	a) REVERSIBLE LOSS or THREATENED PERMANENT LOSS OF VISION Vitreous haemorrhage Glaucoma*, mild to moderate threat Strabismus** (incl diplopia) Ptosis (amblyogenic)	Vitreotomy Glaucoma ops. (Most cases) Strabismus surgery Ptosis surgery etc
	b) LOW GRADE MALIGNANCY Most BCC Some orbital tumours	Excision & reconstruction Excision & reconstruction
	c) THREATENED PERMANENT DAMAGE Posterior segment disease requiring Rx Entropion (all cases) Severe ectropion (with corneal pathology) Paralytic lagophthalmos Cicatrizing disease Childhood epiphora	Cataract or corneal graft op Entropion op Ectropion op Lid ops. Reconstructive surgery Syndrome & probe, DCR / LJT

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4. 21 - 50 points	a) GRADUAL VISUAL LOSS Cataract*** Corneal dystrophy/disease**** Pterygia with visual loss	Cataract surgery Corneal graft etc Pterygia excision +/- conj. Graft
	b) INFECTIVE DISEASE Dacrocystitis, chronic, recurrent acute	DCR/LJT etc.
	c) NON SIGHT THREATENING CONDITIONS Ectropion, (no corneal pathology) Strabismus** (cosmetically severe) Troublesome adult epiphora	Lid surgery Strabismus ops DCR
5. <20 points	a) GRADUAL VISUAL LOSS Cataract***	Cataract op
	b) COSMETIC (minor) Strabismus** (minor) Ocular adnexal disfigurement	Strabismus op Oculoplastic procedures
	c) FUNCTIONAL (minor) Adult epiphora Pterygia not threatening vision	DCR/LJT etc Pterygia ops
6. Staged / Planned	Timing and Points not appropriate FSA to Rx dependent on disease and 1st stage of treatment Eg. EUA, radiation plaque, skin flaps, vitreo-retinal ops, strabismus reops.	

*GLAUCOMA RANKING

Severe threat defined as IOP over 30 mmHg on maximum therapy and with visual field defect within 20 degrees of fixation.

Mild threat defined as all others that require surgery.

**STRABISMUS RANKING

POINTS

- | | |
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| a) Amblyogenic/potential for BSV or loss of BSV | 65 |
| b) Recent onset diplopia or to improve visual field | 55 |
| c) Intermittent strabismus | 45 |
| d) Cosmetic with impact on psychological development | 45 |
| e) Cosmetic, major deviation (>20 prisms), with psychological impact | 35 |
| f) Cosmetic, major deviation (>20 prisms) | 25 |
| g) Cosmetic, minor deviation (<20 prisms) | 10 |

***CATARACT RANKING

see chart

****CORNEAL DYSTROPHY/DISEASE

that requires a corneal graft

Gradual visual loss and its effects are ranked as for cataract. The delay in restoration of best vision warrants additional 20 points. This only partially compensates.

Note: These national prioritisation criteria should be regarded as guidelines for prioritisation for treatment and will not be appropriate for every individual case. The specialist should ensure that in using these national recommendations generally accepted clinical practice are properly taken into account. If there is a conflict between the national prioritisation criteria and generally accepted clinical practice, then generally accepted practice should prevail.

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Nat. Hospital No.: _____

Consultant: _____

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

Address: _____

Name of Assessor: _____

Date of Assessment: ____/____/____

Diagnosis: _____ Procedure: _____

Category Definitions :

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

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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.

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

Address: _____

Name of Assessor: _____ **Date:** ___/___/___

Operative Eye: L R

Section 1: VISUAL ACUITY SCORE

FELLOW EYE	VA	6/9	6/12	6/18	6/24	6/36	6/60	CF/HM			
	6/9	2	4	6	7	8	9	10			
	6/12	4	8	10	11	12	13	14			
	6/18	6	10	14	15	16	17	19			
	6/24	7	11	15	21	22	23	25			
	6/36	8	12	16	22	26	28	30			
	6/60	9	13	17	23	28	32	34			
	CF/HM	10	14	19	25	30	34	35			

N5	0
N6	1
N8	2
N10	3
N12	5

Distance Vision Score (Max 35 Points) →

Max 5 points

Section 2: CLINICAL MODIFIERS

- ➡ If BCVA better than 6/24 in eye to be operated on, add 5 points only if posterior sub-capsular cataract present - to offset good VA Max 5 points
- ➡ If non-cataract pathology reducing vision, subtract up to 50% of VA points (Posterior segment disease requiring prompt treatment to be ranked by disease to be treated) Max 5 points

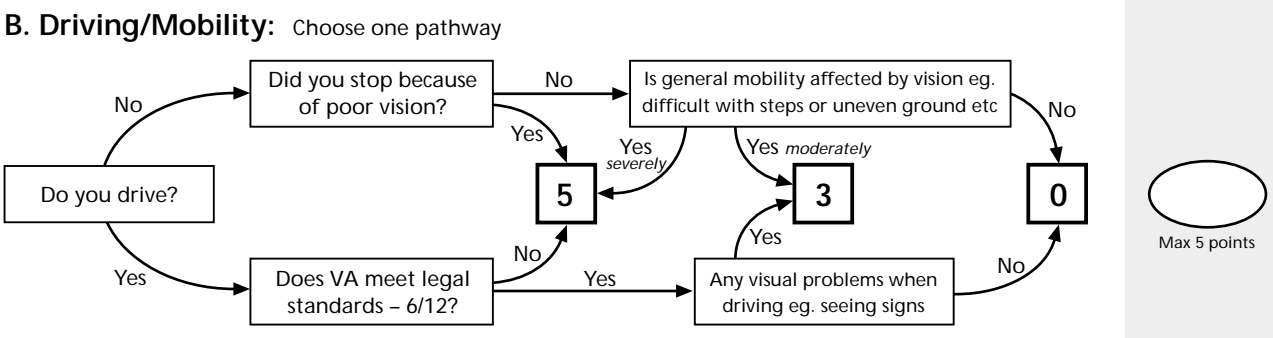
Section 3: SEVERITY OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

A. Gross visual function: Any difficulty, even with glasses, recognising faces, watching TV, cooking, playing sport/cards etc.

POINTS: 0 1 2 3 4 5

No difficulty Difficult Impossible

Max 5 points



Section 4: ABILITY TO WORK, GIVE CARE, LIVE INDEPENDENTLY

POINTS: 0 1 2 3 4 5

No difficulty Difficult Impossible

Max 5 points

Section 5: OTHER DISABILITY

POINTS: 0 1 2 3 4 5

No disability Moderate disability Severe disability

Max 5 points

State disability: _____

Sections 4 & 5 only apply when sections 1 + 2 + 3 < 50 (Maximum points allowed)

The maximum score is 50 points **TOTAL SCORE**