ASA PHYSICAL STATUS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

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Table 1: Current definitions (NO CHANGE) and Examples (NEW)

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<th>ASA PS Classification</th>
<th>Definition</th>
<th>Examples, including, but not limited to:</th>
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<td>ASA I</td>
<td>A normal healthy patient</td>
<td>Healthy, non-smoking, no or minimal alcohol use</td>
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<td>ASA II</td>
<td>A patient with mild systemic disease</td>
<td>Mild diseases only without substantive functional limitations. Examples include (but not limited to): current smoker, social alcohol drinker, pregnancy, obesity (30&lt;BMI&lt;40), well-controlled DM/HTN, mild lung disease</td>
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<td>ASA III</td>
<td>A patient with severe systemic disease</td>
<td>Substantive functional limitations; One or more moderate to severe diseases. Examples include (but not limited to): poorly controlled DM or HTN, COPD, morbid obesity (BMI ≥40), active hepatitis, alcohol dependence or abuse, implanted pacemaker, moderate reduction of ejection fraction, ESRD undergoing regularly scheduled dialysis, premature infant PCA &lt; 60 weeks, history (&gt;3 months) of MI, CVA, TIA, or CAD/stents.</td>
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<td>ASA IV</td>
<td>A patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life</td>
<td>Examples include (but not limited to): recent (&lt;3 months) MI, CVA, TIA, or CAD/stents, ongoing cardiac ischemia or severe valve dysfunction, severe reduction of ejection fraction, sepsis, DIC, ARD or ESRD not undergoing regularly scheduled dialysis</td>
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<td>ASA V</td>
<td>A moribund patient who is not expected to survive without the operation</td>
<td>Examples include (but not limited to): ruptured abdominal/thoracic aneurysm, massive trauma, intracranial bleed with mass effect, ischemic bowel in the face of significant cardiac pathology or multiple organ/system dysfunction</td>
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<td>ASA VI</td>
<td>A declared brain-dead patient whose organs are being removed for donor purposes</td>
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*The addition of “E” denotes Emergency surgery: (An emergency is defined as existing when delay in treatment of the patient would lead to a significant increase in the threat to life or body part)
References related to use of the ASA PS Classification System


3. Guidelines for local anesthesia cases in a major academic center. “Monitoring patients receiving local anesthesia”, MGH, Perioperative Nursing, OR L. 16


Selected References Addressing Inter-Rater Reliability of the ASA PS Classification System


