

## BAETS Prioritisation advice for Paediatric Endocrine Surgery during Covid-19 crisis

1. Priority level	1a	1b	2	3	4
Thyroid	Acute Airway Obstruction from Thyroid pathology	Tumour or goitre causing mild or moderate stridor	<p>Diagnosed or suspected thyroid malignancy</p> <p>High risk MEN2 patients where a delay in prophylactic thyroidectomy is likely to result in the development of malignancy</p> <p>Uncontrolled thyrotoxicosis where non surgical not suitable</p> <p>Biopsy under G/A for clarification of potential malignant diagnosis</p>	Prophylactic thyroidectomy in medium risk MEN2 patients	Surgery for uncomplicated benign thyroid disease
Parathyroid			<p>Hyperparathyroidism associated with corrected calcium &gt; 3.0 mmol/l who cannot be controlled with medical management</p> <p>Suspected parathyroid carcinoma.</p> <p>Repeated hospital admissions for medical management of hyperparathyroidism</p>	Patients with recurrent and symptomatic renal stones +- associated sepsis	Other parathyroid surgery
Adrenal			<p>Phaeochromocytoma in patient with diagnosed medullary carcinoma</p> <p>Malignant adrenal tumour of any type</p> <p>Adrenal cushings</p>	Phaeochromocytoma diagnosed when screening in MEN	Other adrenal surgery

**Priority level 1a Emergency - operation needed within 24 hours to save life**

**Priority level 1b Urgent - operation needed with 72 hours**

Based on: urgent / emergency surgery for life threatening conditions such as obstruction, bleeding and regional and / or localised infection permanent injury / clinical harm from progression of conditions such as spinal cord compression

**Priority level 2 Surgery can be safely deferred for up to 4 weeks - elective surgery with the expectation of cure**

Based on: urgency of symptoms / complications such as local compressive symptoms / biological priority (expected growth rate) of individual cancers

**Priority level 3 Surgery that can be delayed for up to 3 months with no predicted negative outcome**

**Priority level 4 Surgery that can be delayed for more than 3 months with no predicted negative outcome**

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