

Since the OR is the chief revenue engine of the hospital, mass cancellations of elective surgeries and procedures due to COVID-19 means hospitals are taking a massive financial hit.

University of Chicago Medicine and Biological Sciences created a new scoring system “[Medically Necessary, Time-Sensitive Procedures: Scoring System to Ethically and Efficiently Manage Resource Scarcity and Provider Risk During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)” to facilitate decision-making and triage for surgical procedures. The Medically Necessary Time-Sensitive (MeNTS) scoring system will facilitate organization and prioritization of the large backlog of cases that will await completion as the pandemic begins to subside.

In our continued efforts to help hospitals navigate the COVID-19 crises, HealthNautica has integrated the MeNTS scoring system\*, at no cost, into its eOrders™ product.

To learn more, please send us an email at [info@healthnautica.com](mailto:info@healthnautica.com). Thanks.

\* **Any surgical procedure scoring system can be integrated into eOrders™ upon request.**

MeNTS						
CUMULATIVE MeNTS SCORE = <input type="text"/>						
		21			105	
PROCEDURE FACTORS (Score Range 7-35)						
SCORE	ITEM	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	OR Time (minutes)	<30	30-60	60-120	120-180	>180
<input type="checkbox"/>	Estimated Length of Stay	Outpatient	<23 hours	1-2 days	2-3 days	>4 or more days
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post-Op ICU need, %	Very Unlikely	< 5%	5-10%	10-25%	>25%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anticipated Bleeding Risk/EBL (mL)	< 100	100-250	250-500	500-750	>750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surgical Team Size (N)	1	2	3	4	>4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intubation Probability, %	<1%	1-5%	5-10%	10-25%	>25%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surgical Site	None of the following	Abdominopelvic MIS Surgery	Abdominopelvic Open Surgery, Infraumbilical	Abdominopelvic Open Surgery, Supraumbilical	OHNS/Upper GI/Thoracic
DISEASE FACTORS (Score Range 6-30)						
SCORE	ITEM	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Operative Treatment Option EFFECTIVENESS	None available	Available, <40% as effective as surgery	Available, 40-60% as effective as surgery	Available, 60-95% as effective as surgery	Available, equally as effective as surgery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Operative Treatment Option RESOURCE/EXPOSURE RISK	Significantly worse/not applicable	Somewhat worse	Equivalent	Somewhat better	Significantly better
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact of 2 week delay in DISEASE outcome	Significantly worse	Worse	Moderately worse	Slightly worse	No worse
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact of 2 week delay in SURGICAL outcome	Significantly worse	Worse	Moderately worse	Slightly worse	No worse
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact of 6 week delay in DISEASE outcome	Significantly worse	Worse	Moderately worse	Slightly worse	No worse
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact of 6 week delay in SURGICAL outcome	Significantly worse	Worse	Moderately worse	Slightly worse	No worse
PATIENT FACTORS (Score Range 8-40)						
SCORE	ITEM	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Age	<20	20-40	40-50	50-65	>65
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lung Disease (asthma, COPD, etc.)	None			Minimal (rare inhaler)	> Minimal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Obstructive Sleep Apnea	None			Mild/moderate (no CPAP)	Uses CPAP
<input type="checkbox"/>	CV disease (HTN, CHF, CAD)	None	Minimal (no meds)	Mild (one med)	Moderate (two meds)	Severe (three or more meds)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes	None		Mild (no meds)	Moderate (PO meds only)	>Moderate (uses insulin)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immunocompromised	No			Moderate	Severe
<input type="checkbox"/>	ILI symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, diarrhea)	None (Asymptomatic)				Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exposure to known COVID patient in prior 14 days	No	Probably Not	Possibly	Probably	Yes