

Postoperative Morbidity Survey

| Morbidity type | Criteria | Source of data |
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| Pulmonary | Has the patient developed a new requirement for oxygen or respiratory support. | Patient observation |
| | | Treatment chart |
| Infectious | Currently on antibiotics and/or has had a temperature of >38°C in the last 24 hr. | Treatment chart |
| | | Observation chart |
| Renal | Presence of oliguria <500 mL/24 hr; increased serum creatinine (>30% from preoperative level); urinary catheter in situ. | Fluid balance chart |
| | | Biochemistry result |
| | | Patient observation |
| Gastrointestinal | Unable to tolerate an enteral diet for any reason including nausea, vomiting, and abdominal distension (use of antiemetic). | Patient questioning |
| | | Fluid balance chart |
| | | Treatment chart |
| Cardiovascular | Diagnostic tests or therapy within the last 24 hr for any of the following: new myocardial infarction or ischemia, hypotension (requiring fluid therapy >200 mL/hr or pharmacological therapy), atrial or ventricular arrhythmias, cardiogenic pulmonary edema, thrombotic event (requiring anticoagulation). | Treatment chart |
| | | Note review |
| Neurological | New focal neurological deficit, confusion, delirium, or coma. | Note review |
| | | Patient questioning |
| Hematological | Requirement for any of the following within the last 24 hr: packed erythrocytes, platelets, fresh-frozen plasma, or cryoprecipitate. | Treatment chart |
| | | Fluid balance chart |
| Wound | Wound dehiscence requiring surgical exploration or drainage of pus from the operation wound with or without isolation of organisms. | Note review |
| | | Pathology result |
| Pain | New postoperative pain significant enough to require parenteral opioids or regional analgesia. | Treatment chart |
| | | Patient questioning |