Image**Exclusion Criteria for Paediatric Day Case Surgery**

These guidelines assume that the anaesthetist and surgeon planning the case are appropriate. If there is any doubt whether a patient should have surgery as a day case, please contact the consultant anaesthetist and/or surgeon in charge of the case.

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| Age | * Term infants <4 weeks old * Ex-preterm infants <60 weeks post-conceptual age |
| Medical | * ASA 3, 4 or 5 (any child with a systemic disease which causes them a definite, functional limitation) * Untreated or complex congenital heart disease * Active viral or bacterial infection * Any newly diagnosed medical condition undergoing investigation |
| Anaesthetic | * Prolonged anaesthetic/surgical time * Difficult airway * Family history of malignant hyperpyrexia * Family history of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome * Haemoglobinopathy (not Sickle Cell Trait or Thalassaemia Minor) * Moderate/severe obstructive sleep apnoea * Infants with a history of chronic lung disease or apnoeas |
| Surgical | * Prolonged/complex procedures or opening of a body cavity * Procedures where post-operative pain is unlikely to be controlled by oral medication * High risk of peri-operative haemorrhage/fluid loss * Need for specialist post-operative nursing care * Operations on the airway (not including adenotonsillectomy) |
| Social | * Poor home circumstances * No transport or telephone available * Home a long distance from an appropriate hospital (>1hr) * Extreme parental anxiety or an unwillingness/inability to care for the child at home post-operatively |

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