

Orthopaedic Surgery Case Triage

1-Emergent-within 6 hours

Compartment Syndrome
Open Fracture
Joint Dislocations
Fracture-Dislocations
Dysvascular limb/exfix
Traumatic amp/replant
Septic joint
Abscess
Cauda Equina Syndrome

2-Urgent –within 24-48 hours

Hip and femur fractures
Pelvis and acetabulum fractures
Long Bone (femur, tibia, humerus) fractures
Multiple fractures
Unstable spine fractures or progressive neurologic deficits

3 – Acute –within 7 days

Fractures in general
Hand/UE
Ankle/tibial plateau, etc.
Spine fractures without gross
Instability/cord compromise or neurologic symptoms
Multi-ligamentous knee dislocation (s/p initial stabilization (ex fix) if necessary)

4 – Semi-elective

Incarcerated meniscus
Biceps tear/tendon repairs
Nerve transection

5- Elective

Total joint replacement (hip/knee/shoulder/ankle)
Degenerative spine without cord/neurologic compromise
Nonunion without hardware compromise/unstable extremity
Degenerative hand/foot/ankle
Isolated knee ligament/meniscus etc.
Hardware removal