

ASA Grade 1 – Adults & Children

Adults for Surgical Grade 1

Test	Age (years)			
	16 to < 40	40 to < 60	60 to < 80	>80
Chest X-ray	No	No	No	No
ECG	No			Yes
Full blood count	No	No		
Haemostasis	No	No	No	No
Renal function	No	No		
Random glucose	No	No	No	No
Urine analysis				
Blood gases	No	No	No	No
lung function	No	No	No	No

Adults for Surgical Grade 3

Test	Age (years)			
	16 to < 40	40 to < 60	60 to < 80	>80
Chest X-ray	No	No		
ECG	No		Yes	Yes
Full blood count	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Haemostasis	No	No	No	No
Renal function			Yes	Yes
Random glucose				
Urine analysis				
Blood gases	No	No	No	No
lung function	No	No	No	No

Children for Surgical Grade 1 & 2

Test	Age (years)			
	< 6 months	6 to 12 mths	1 to 12 years	12 to 16 yrs
Chest X-ray	No	No	No	No
ECG	No	No	No	No
Full blood count	No	No	No	No
Haemostasis	No	No	No	No
Renal function	No	No	No	No
Random glucose	No	No	No	No
Urine analysis	No	No	No	No
Blood gases	No	No	No	No
lung function	No	No	No	No

Adults for Surgical Grade 2




Test	Age (years)			
	16 to < 40	40 to < 60	60 to < 80	>80
Chest X-ray	No	No	No	No
ECG	No			Yes
Full blood count	No		Yes	Yes
Haemostasis	No	No	No	No
Renal function	No	No		
Random glucose	No			
Urine analysis				
Blood gases	No	No	No	No
lung function	No	No	No	No

Adults for Surgical Grade 4

Test	Age (years)			
	16 to < 40	40 to < 60	60 to < 80	>80
Chest X-ray	No	No		
ECG	No		Yes	Yes
Full blood count	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Haemostasis				
Renal function	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Random glucose				
Urine analysis				
Blood gases	No	No	No	No
lung function	No	No	No	No

Children for Surgical Grade 3&4

Test	Age (years)			
	< 6 months	6 to 12 mths	1 to 12 years	12 to 16 yrs
Chest X-ray	No	No	No	No
ECG	No	No	No	No
Full blood count				
Haemostasis	No	No	No	No
Renal function				
Random glucose	No	No	No	No
Urine analysis				
Blood gases	No	No	No	No
lung function	No	No	No	No

	Test not recommended
	Consider this test (see page 2 of the NICE guideline)
	Test recommended

ASA Grades
Grade 1 Normal healthy patient (i.e. without any clinically important comorbidity and without a clinically significant past/present medical history).
Grade 2 Patient with mild systemic disease
Grade 3 patient with severe systemic disease but the disease is not a threat to life