

## List of general surgical procedures and functions at Lady Minto Hospital: 2002-2008

### 1. Surgical consultation.

*Determination of whether surgery is required, degree of urgency, proposed location of surgery (ie can be done at LMH/can conceivably be done at LMH/ best done at a tertiary centre/ cannot be done at LMH). This kind of opinion substantially removes the need to send patients off-island, especially on an emergency basis, just for a surgical opinion. Without a surgeon emergency patients may be helicoptered off island at night by GPs for a decision in Victoria that there is no surgery required.*

### 2. Triage.

*In the event of a major disaster (aeroplane crash, major industrial accident, bus crash etc), the surgeon is the proper individual to triage patients into 1. immediate urgent air transport. 2. urgent ground transport 3. transport the following morning 4. transport not required.*

### 3. Procedures performed

endoscopy: esophagoscopy/gastroscopy/duodenoscopy/sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy

esophageal dilatation/ biopsy/ remove foreign body/gastric biopsy and polypectomy/duodenal biopsy/ sclerosing varices/ clipping bleeding ulcer colonic, ileal biopsy/ polypectomy/ clipping colonic bleeding/ reducing volvulus/sclerosing hemorrhoids

peritoneal paracentesis

thoracic paracentesis

appendectomy, both open and laparoscopic

small and large bowel resection. open and laparoscopic

close perforated peptic ulcer, laparoscopic

splenectomy, open or laparoscopic

cholecystectomy, open or laparoscopic

open exploration common bile duct

laparotomy with biopsy/ open or laparoscopic

formation ileostomy or colostomy: close colostomy: revise colostomy

liver biopsy laparoscopic or closed  
take down gastric bypass  
bypass small bowel/ colonic obstruction  
relief of obstruction  
resection diverticular disease  
hemorrhoidectomy  
biopsy skin cancer: melanoma, basal cell, squamous cell  
definitive resection skin cancer  
lymphadenectomy  
breast biopsy/ excision benign breast tumors/ excision breast ca.  
excise soft tissue tumors eg lipoma, sebaceous cyst  
lymph node biopsy  
hernia repair: inguinal, femoral, incisional  
reduction and repair incarcerated hernia  
varicose vein surgery: various  
release Dupuytren's contracture  
carpal tunnel decompression  
etc

*[I personally performed each of the above procedures from 2002-2008]*

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