
Endoscopy – guidelines for residents in PAC

Introduction:

Recommendations for Pre-anaesthetic Reviews:

Endoscopy is generally a low-risk procedure and so referrals to PAC-Anaesthesia should be uncommon.

Please do not refer a patient to PAC-Anaesthesia without discussing with the Clinical Lead or another anaesthetist beforehand.

A small number of patients may have complex medical problems where assessment and communication might be best facilitated via a PAC-Anaesthesia visits (eg cerebral palsy or motor neurone disease patient for PEG insertion).

Patients with end-stage or unstable cardiovascular or respiratory disease (eg severe COPD requiring home O₂) may very occasionally warrant a PAC-Anaesthesia visit however this is very uncommon.

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