



Anaesthetists and High Volume Cataract Hubs

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Preassessment Anaesthetic Input

- Preassessment (ophthalmology) is primarily nurse and surgeon led
- Referral pathway for;
 - anaesthesia and perioperative medicine advice for hub patients
 - anaesthesia and perioperative medicine review at local trust for patients not suitable for hub cataract surgery (and on going cataract surgery plan)



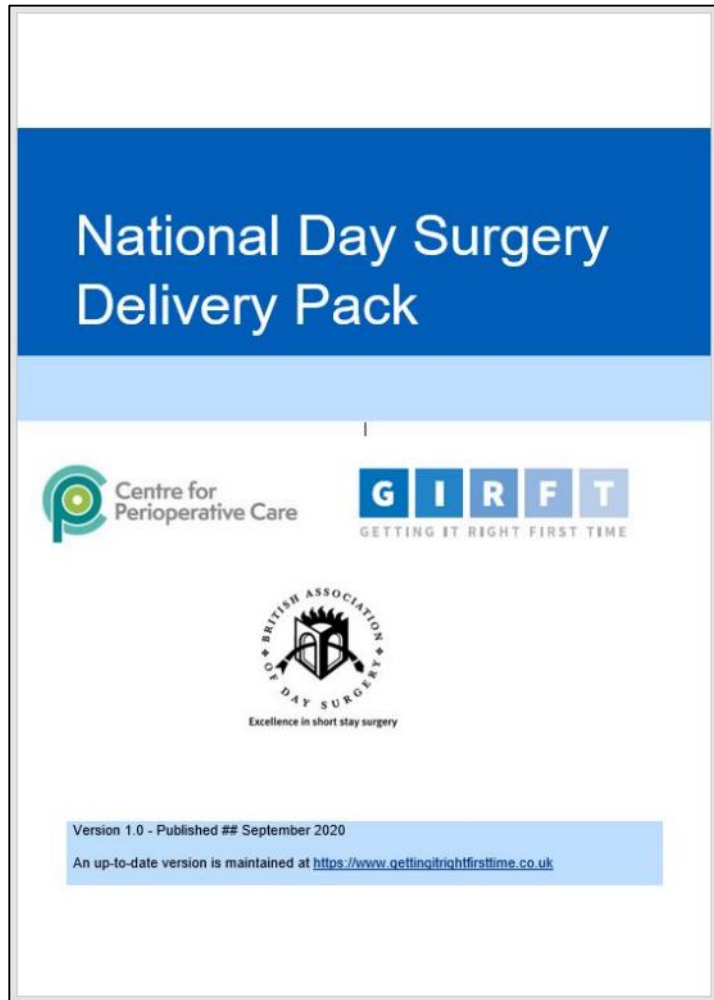
Preoperative tests

- No routine blood tests
- BP 180/110 and below is OK. Use community measurements
- If on warfarin check yellow book INR results (preop and on day of surgery)
- BM for blood sugar available. Test if unwell or poor glycaemic control;
 - Below 4 mmol/L give a sugary drink
 - If high, then seek healthcare team advice to avoid cancellation

Intraoperative Anaesthetic Input

- No anaesthetist in theatre and may or may not be on site
- Cardiac arrest trolley in theatre complex and checked daily
- ILS or ALS trained theatre team
- Defined pathway for medical advice and patient transfer to ED

Postoperative Anaesthetic Input



- Nurse led discharge
- Patient discharge information sheet with a telephone contact
- Discharge summary for GP on the day of surgery