



Definitions Of Ambulatory Surgery

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We need a definition

- **To unify :**

- The aims
- The organization
- The quality of care
- The issues of cost effectiveness



Historical Note

Approval

- **IAAS Executive Committee Meeting in
27/9/2003, Paris**

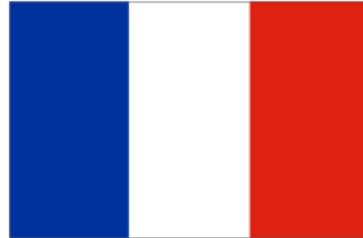




International Association for Ambulatory Surgery

AMBULATORY (DAY) SURGERY DEFINITIONS

**Translation for
France**



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Nine European countries

- Denmark,
- Germany,
- Italy,
- France,
- The Netherlands,
- Norway,
- Poland,
- Portugal,
- Spain.



IAAS Suggested Definition For AS

- **The international definition of day surgery was approved and adopted by the IAAS Executive Committee in 27/9/2003, Paris, and was later confirmed in the Policy Brief published by the WHO, the Pan American Health Organization and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies in 2007.**



Flexibility of Terminology & Definitions

- Terminology of the following Ambulatory Surgery definitions may be interpreted and expressed in more appropriate terms to **satisfy the specific requirements** of health care authorities in each nation.



IAAS & Definitions

- The International Association for Ambulatory Surgery believes that it is important to prepare a list of basic definitions of ambulatory (day) surgery **which will enable data to be collected for the comparison of ambulatory surgery practice from one nation to another.**
- **A multiplicity of terminology has gradually developed which is causing confusion and problems in comparing ambulatory surgery practice in the different nations.**



Procedures

- Ambulatory surgical procedure,
- interventional radiology,
- radiotherapy,
- oncology,
- renal dialysis,
- Gastroenterology (colonoscopy & gastroscopy with polypectomy, ERCP),
- Etc.....



Ambulatory (Day) Surgery

Time Frames

- *Ambulatory Surgery*
 - **Synonyms:** Day. Same day. Day Only.
 - **Time Frame:** working day. No overnight stay.
- *Extended Recovery*
 - **Synonyms:** 23 h. Overnight Stay. Single night, in an accommodation especially designed for this purpose
 - **Time Frame:** under 24 hours
- *Short Stay*
 - **Time Frame:** 24 – 72 hours



IAAS Definition of AS

- **Patient:** „A surgical day case is a patient who is admitted for an operation on a planned non-resident basis and who nonetheless requires facilities for recovery. The whole procedure **should not** require an overnight stay in a hospital bed“.
- **Briefly:** An operation/procedure, **(including office-based surgery, and excluding outpatient operation/procedure)**, where the patient is discharged on the same working day



AS Definition in UK & Ireland

- **The patient must be admitted and discharged on the same day, with day surgery as the intended management. Although still counted as inpatient treatment, 23-h and short stay surgery apply the same principles of care outlined in this document and can improve the quality of patient care whilst reducing length of stay.**
- **Day Case and Short Stay Surgery, Published by : The Association of Great Britain & Ireland, The British Association of Day Surgery, May 2011**



AS Definition In USA

- In the USA: “Ambulatory Surgery” means that the patient goes home at the end of the working day. **There is no overnight stay.** In the USA there is no extra payment for overnight stay, and there is no system of patient “recovery hotels”.

Beverly K. Philip MD, Day Care Surgery: The United States Model of Health Care. Ambulatory Surgery, 17.4 April, 2012



Factors That Can Influence AS Definitions

To prefer extended recovery (overnight stay) in favour of ambulatory surgery (day surgery).

Why?



Factors That Can Influence AS Definitions

- **Introduction of new major procedures (minimally invasive) not included in the basket**
- **Need For other early post-op. activities of after care (rehabilitation)**
- **Quality indicators (complications)**
- **Far geographical locations (no home care)**
- **New comers (Fear & cautiousness)**
- **Conservatism of medical professionals (patient safety!)**



Conclusion

Overnight stay (Extended recovery, less than 23 hours)

- A patient treated in ambulatory surgery / procedure centre/unit, free standing or hospital based, **who requires extended recovery including overnight stay**, before discharge the following day



Conclusion

Definition of Ambulatory Surgery

- Day surgery is the admission of patients to a DSU for a planned surgical procedure, returning home on the same working day. 'True day surgery' patients are day case patients who require full operating theatre facilities under regional/local or general anaesthesia, including office-based cases under the same conditions.

