



A monthly update for the
Surgical Services Team

Operative Report

December 2, 2020

As the volume of COVID admissions increases across our system, we need to distribute the limiting resources of staff and inpatient beds to allow us to care for our patients. We have had to postpone certain procedures to create bed capacity or allow the deployment of perioperative staff to other clinical areas. In order to modulate our elective volume up or down, we need accurate estimates on predicted time in recovery for outpatients and predicted length of stay for inpatient admissions. These data points will enhance our ability to define the volume of elective surgery which we are able to perform.

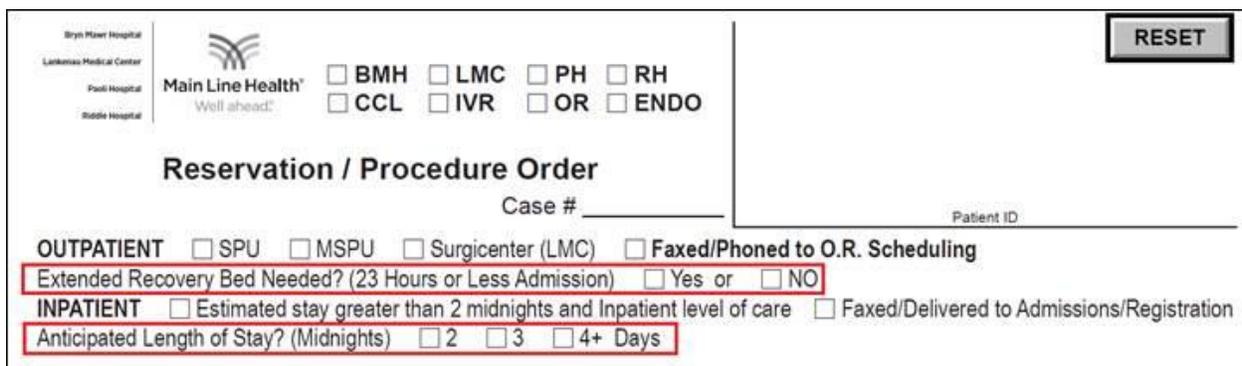
We have amended the electronic case request and the paper case request form to reflect the information we need to collect.

In the electronic case request you will see two new questions:

Extended Recovery Bed Needed? (23 Hours or Less Admission)

Anticipated Length of Stay? (Midnights)

On the paper case request you will see:



Bryn Mawr Hospital
 Lehigh Valley Medical Center
 Pocono Hospital
 Stouffville Hospital

BMH LMC PH RH
 CCL IVR OR ENDO

Reservation / Procedure Order

Case # _____ Patient ID _____

OUTPATIENT SPU MSPU Surgicenter (LMC) Faxed/Phoned to O.R. Scheduling
 Extended Recovery Bed Needed? (23 Hours or Less Admission) Yes or NO

INPATIENT Estimated stay greater than 2 midnights and Inpatient level of care Faxed/Delivered to Admissions/Registration
 Anticipated Length of Stay? (Midnights) 2 3 4+ Days

We have attached the Tip Sheet for Epic and the paper case request form for your review.

We will implement these changes immediately. Thank you for your understanding and collaboration as we implement this change. Please share with your staff.

Surgery Cabinet

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