

Fact Sheet: Ready to Treat Bilateral and Staged Procedures

This fact sheet provides supplementary information regarding bilateral and staged procedures. This defines when to set Ready to Treat dates for each.

Questions can be directed to your aCATS Lead. For more information on Ready to Treat, please visit the website <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/scns/Page12929.aspx>.

BILATERAL PROCEDURES

For patients requiring bilateral procedures, follow these steps:

1 Procedure For 2 Eyes

For Edmonton, Central, North and South Zone, use one Surgical Booking Request form with the code E3F3.

Calgary Zone uses Western Canadian Waitlist Registry tool.

You can find the registry here: <http://www.wcwl.ca/>. This is the correct document you will need http://www.wcwl.ca/media/pdf/library/prioritization_tools.5.pdf

2 Procedures For 2 Eyes

If the surgery date is unknown for either eye, enter a surgical booking card for each eye. For Edmonton, Central, North and South Zone, use the Surgical Booking Request form with the code E3F3.

Once the surgery date is known for the first eye, correct the second eye booking as follows: The Ready to Treat date for the second eye is one day following the surgical date for the first eye. For Edmonton, Central, North and South Zones, the aCATS code is E3H9.

Calgary uses the Western Canadian Waitlist Registry tool. See above for link to the registry.

Total Hip and Knee Joints

Schedule only one booking at a time, as per Hip & Joint Protocol. When the surgery on the first side is complete, discuss whether to proceed with the second side with the patient. If surgery will proceed, submit a new surgical booking request form for the second side.

Be sure the Ready to Treat date for the second side reflects the medical, social and functional readiness of the patient when submitting.

PLANNED STAGED SURGERY

When a patient consents to a procedure that may require multiple planned stages, use the following guidelines to document the timing and stages needed.

If possible, submit the surgical booking requests cards/forms for all of the stages within five business days of the Decision to Treat date.

All stages will have the same Decision to Treat date. It is expected that the patient would proceed with all stages once they have consented.

Stage 1	DTT = RTT
Stage 2	DTT (same as Stage 1) RTT = date patient is medically, socially, and functionally ready to proceed with Stage 2 (assessed and determined at a post op follow up). The aCATS code should be chosen from your service specific list, particularly if there are staged codes built. An updated RTT and possibly a modification of the procedure will need to be submitted to your booking office.
Stage 3	DTT (same as Stage 1 and 2) RTT= date the patient is medically, socially and functionally ready to proceed with Stage 3 (assessed and determined at post op follow up of Stage 2) An updated RTT will need to be submitted to your booking office, to ensure bookings are accurate. An updated RTT and possibly a modification of the procedure will need to be submitted to your booking office.

Note: If there are revisionary or additional procedures that were not part of the original plan, the Decision to Treat date will be reflected by the decision date that this is determined and Ready to Treat will likely be the same (except if there is a medical, social or functional delay by the patient).