

Time distribution of neurosurgical operations

According to the time urgency, neurosurgical procedures are divided into:

1. **emergent** (so called ***procedures for vital indications***) – cannot be delayed, operate immediately, there is an imminent threat to life, surgery has priority over pre-operative examination (eg. acute epidural hematoma),
2. **acute** – can be delayed for a few hours to perform additional examinations (including internal pre-operative examination), surgery must be performed within 24 hours, longer delay may cause permanent damage to health (např. syndrome of cauda equina),
3. **planned** (elective) – can be delayed, planned several weeks in advance (eg. meningeoma).

Links

Used literature

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