

APPENDIX D. DRAFT USER'S GUIDES

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**D.1 CATARACT SURGERY
PRIORITY FORM DRAFT USER'S GUIDE**

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Purpose: The WCWL priority form is to be used to assist in the management of waiting lists for selected elective treatments and procedures.

This User's Guide is designed to assist in the interpretation and scoring of the Priority Criteria items.

Item No.	Comment
2.	<i>Glare</i> : is primarily an indicator of posterior subcapsular cataracts. Consider dropping two lines in bright light as a good indicator of glare.
3.	<i>Ocular comorbidity</i> : is divided into age-related macular degeneration, which carries negative weight for patient priority, and other forms of ocular comorbidity that carry positive weight.
4.	<i>Extent of impairment</i> : To assess impairment in <i>visual function</i> , consider using the VF-14 or a subset of its items to assist in answering this item.
5.	<i>Other substantial disability</i> : Include sensory impairment and reduced mobility. Alzheimer's disease and other forms of severe dementia should not be rated as moderate or severe disability (i.e. higher weighting for priority) unless there is reason to believe that improvements in vision would diminish the apparent dementia.
6.	<i>Ability to work, live independently, care for dependents</i> : "Immediately" refers to a period of several days to a few weeks.



**D.2 GENERAL SURGERY
PRIORITY FORM DRAFT USER'S GUIDE**

December 19, 2000

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Item No.	Comment
Note	<i>PATIENT'S CURRENT SITUATION</i> refers to approximately the previous three months.
1.	<i>Usual FREQUENCY of painful episodes/ suffering:</i> Includes (for example): pain, nausea or vomiting, fatigue, itching, psychological stress such as anxiety or depression. This assumes that the patient is taking a reasonable level of oral analgesics that do not interfere with daily activities.
2.	<i>How INTENSE is the pain at its worst:</i> This assumes that the patient is taking a reasonable level of oral analgesics that do not interfere with daily activities.
4.	Degree of impairment in usual activities due to surgical condition: refers to impairment in role function (e.g., job, housework, independence) or impairment in social activities (e.g., mobility, visiting friends/family, hobbies).
5.	<i>Recent history of major complications of condition OR significant physical exam results OR significant test results:</i> refers to (for example): cholecystitis, pancreatitis, area of tenderness, palpable mass, anaemia, elevated liver enzymes. "Recent" refers to the previous month or so.
6	<i>Life-expectancy implications of condition without procedure:</i> Refers to life-expectancy implications of "surgical" condition. Ignore co-morbidity.
7	<i>Expected improvement in life-expectancy with surgery:</i> Refers to life-expectancy; does not address improvement in quality of life.



**D.3 MRI SCANNING
PRIORITY FORM DRAFT USER'S GUIDE**

December 22, 2000

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Item No.	Comment
2.	<p><i>Severity of illness/ impairment:</i> refers to degree of morbidity and associated impairment in role function, social activity and self-care.</p> <p>Note: FOR CHILDREN FIVE YEARS OR YOUNGER: includes degree of developmental delay; extent to which condition being investigated impairs the child's ability to enjoy the day to day activities of a child of a similar age; or degree to which child requires additional care, above and beyond that expected for a child of the same age.</p>
4.	<p><i>Probability of MRI providing clinically significant diagnostic information:</i> refers to both positive and negative (rule in, rule out) possibilities.</p>
5.	<p><i>Probability of successful treatment resulting from the diagnostic information:</i> refers to alleviating or substantially improving patient suffering and disability and/or reducing or eliminating morbidity/mortality risk.</p>



**D.4 CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
PRIORITY CRITERIA FORM DRAFT USER'S GUIDE**

November 29, 2000

Purpose: The WCWL priority form is to be used to assist in the management of waiting lists for selected elective treatments and procedures.

This User's Guide is designed to assist in the interpretation and scoring of the Priority Criteria items.

Age: The form is intended to be used for children and youth aged 5-18.

Item No.	Comment
1.	<i>Danger to self:</i> include suicide risk, anorexia
2.	<i>Danger to others:</i> include assault
3.	<i>Psychotic symptoms:</i> include delusions, hallucinations, bizarre thoughts or speech, irrational or disorganized behaviour, schizophrenia with significant negative symptoms.
4.	<i>Global age-appropriate developmental progress:</i> refers to broad milestones. Includes delays arising from learning disabilities.
6.	<i>Internalized symptoms:</i> include depression, anxiety. A "Severe" score would indicate persistent disabling disturbance.
7.	<i>Externalized/disruptive behaviour:</i> include cruelty to animals, fire-setting, aggressive or oppositional behaviour.
8.	<i>Comorbid medical conditions:</i> include diabetes, cystic fibrosis, sensory problems, and significant acne; exclude autism and Down's syndrome.
9.	<i>Comorbid psychiatric conditions:</i> exclude learning problems
14.	<i>Problems in the context of the home:</i> refers to the child's contribution to problems.
15.	<i>Family functioning or factors affecting child:</i> include parenting skills, family conflicts
17.	<i>Degree of likely benefit with further intervention:</i> consider history of previous treatment including interventions by school counselor.

