Range of Surgical Conditions

**General**: Adult and children (minimum operative surgery age is 2 years), public (i.e. uninsured) and privately insured. There are operating theatre policies restricting surgery in the setting of morbid obesity (particularly BMI > 45).

**Cutaneous**: Melanoma and non-melanomatous skin cancer (excision, re-excision, local flap repair and skin graft, full thickness lip excision and vermilionectomy), benign skin/appendage lesions, ulcers and sinuses, localised burn injuries, selected skin and soft tissue injuries

**Head and neck**: Salivary gland (benign parotid and submandibular gland tumours and calculous disease), lymph node excision biopsy, thyroid and thyroglossal abnormalities (including ultrasound-guided FNA), selected parathyroid disease, tongue-tie, buccal mucous cysts

**Hand**: Carpal tunnel syndrome (mini-incision approach), stenosing tenosynovitis (trigger finger), Dupuytren’s contracture, ganglion cysts

**Upper limb**: ulnar nerve compression, chronic olecranon bursitis

**Breast**: General breast care (e.g. initial assessment of breast symptoms including breast lumps and nipple discharge, ultrasound-guided and open biopsy), selected breast cancer management (particularly older patients), gynaecomastia

**General abdominal**: management of the acute abdomen and abdominal trauma, diagnostic laparoscopy

**Hepatobiliary**: Acute and elective gallstone disease, management of pancreatitis

**Upper GI**: Endoscopic evaluation of acute and non-acute upper GI presentations (“gastroscopy” or “panendoscopy”), placement and exchange of percutaneous gastrostomy (PEG tube), laparoscopic antireflux surgery, selected gastric neoplasms

**Colorectal**: Colonoscopic evaluation and polyp management, benign and malignant colorectal disease, treatment of radiation “proctitis” (following external beam prostate irradiation)

**Anorectal**: Haemorrhoidal disease including perianal skin tags, fissure-in-ano, simple fistula

**Abdominal wall**: Hernia (groin, umbilical, Spigelian, incisional)

**Genitourinary**: Scrotal cysts and hydrocele, selected scrotal varicocele, testicular maldescent (age > 2 years), circumcision (for medical indications in public system, otherwise self-funded in private), scrotal exploration for suspected torsion, vasectomy (performed in rooms or hospital)

**Lower limb**: Varicose vein surgery (for medical indications in public system, otherwise self-funded in private), ingrowing toenails, Morton’s neuroma (plantar digital neuritis), ganglion cysts, selected digital deformities (particularly hammer/claw toe)

**Miscellaneous**: Benign soft tissue tumours (e.g. lipoma), localisation (ultrasound-guided) and removal of subcutaneous and deep foreign bodies (including “lost” Implanon), placement and removal of implanted venous access devices (Portacath), meralgia paraesthetica (compression of lateral cutaneous nerve of the thigh), pilonidal disease, acute cutaneous/subcutaneous sepsis, temporal artery biopsy (diagnostic, for giant cell arteritis)
Conditions currently not managed: cosmetic conditions (including breast reduction and abdominoplasty, lipectomy), axillary hyperhidrosis, sentinel lymph node biopsy (for breast cancer and melanoma), bariatric surgery, oesophageal surgery, pancreatic surgery, definitive surgery for head and neck cancer, hookwire-guided excision of mammographic abnormalities (due to lack of radiological support), medical management of inflammatory bowel disease, anorectal incontinence (apart from initial endoscopic evaluation), vascular surgery, microvascular procedures, ENT conditions/procedures