

Licensed Scope of Services – Paediatrics

1. **Children’s Medical Services** – at FSPH are designated to Level 3 involves care to the following

- Definitive planned and unplanned care
- Inpatient – single system disorders for children with low acuity medical conditions

2. **Children’s Surgical Services** are provided under the boundaries of the following matrix:

Green font indicates those licensed criteria relating to authorised FSPH Service levels for elective children’s surgery

Red font and yellow highlights indicate services FSPH are **NOT** to undertake i.e. outside FSPH Scope of Practice.

FSPH is currently licensed to perform simple surgery on children over the age of 12 months.

Surgical Complexity	Anaesthetic Type	Anaesthetic & Physical Status								
		LOW (ASA 1-2)			MEDIUM (ASA 3)			HIGH (ASA ≥ 4)		
		Modifiers	Min Surgical Service Level	Min Children’s ICU level req.	Modifiers	Min Surgical Service Level	Min Children’s ICU level req.	Modifiers	Min Surgical Service Level	Min Children’s ICU level req.
I	Local anaesthetic	eg., sutures, dental, ENT exam	Level 2	Access to Level 4		Level 2	Access to Level 4		Level 4	Access to Level 4
II	Local anaesthetic with sedation	eg, fractures, dental, radiology, interventions	Level 3	Access to Level 4		Level 4	Access to Level 4	T 44° or well ex-premature and no co-morbidities (≥52 weeks PCA ¹) with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 5	Level 5 on-site
II	Local anaesthetic with sedation	Neonatal with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 5	Level 5 on-site & access to level 5 neonatal service	Neonatal with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 5	Level 5 on-site & access to level 5 neonatal service			

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III-IV	General Anaesthetic	Neonatal with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 6	Level 6 on-site & access to level 6 neonatal service on-site	Neonatal with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 6	Level 6 on-site & access to level 6 neonatal service on-site	Neonatal with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 6	Level 6 on-site & access to level 6 neonatal service on-site
III	Local anaesthetic with sedation & General Anaesthetic	> 1 yr of age with credentialed specialist anaesthetist > 2yrs of age with credentialed specialist anaesthetist for facility credentialed non-specialist anaesthetist ^a > 4 yrs of age with non-specialist anaesthetist ^a	Level 3	Access to Level 4	1 yr of age with credentialed specialist anaesthetist > 6 months of age ^d & no – co-morbidities - with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist & allocated children's area for post-surgical nursing. T 44 ^c or well ex-premature and no co-morbidities (≥52 weeks PCA ^f) with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist & allocated children's area for post-surgical nursing management	Level 4	Access to Level 4	T 44 ^c or well ex-premature and no co-morbidities (≥52 weeks PCA ^f) with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 5	Level 5 On-site

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IV	General Anaesthetic & Regional anaesthetic	> 1 yr of age with credentialed specialist anaesthetist > 6 months age ^d with no co-morbidities with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist > T44 ^c or well ex premature infants and no co-morbidities (≥ 52 weeks PCA ^f) with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 4	Access to Level 4	Medium risk children (ASA 1-2) due to age or history of prematurity, including ex-premature infants ≥ T44 ^c PCA ^f with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist designated close paediatric care beds & children's ward. > T44 ^c or ex-premature infants ≥ 52 weeks PCA ^f (ASA 3) with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist, designated paediatric close observation beds & children's ward	Level 4	Access to Level 4	T > T44 ^c and ex premature infants (≥ 52 weeks PCA ^f) with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 5	Level 5 On-site
V	General Anaesthetic	> 1 yr of age with credentialed specialist anaesthetist > 6 months age ^d with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist > T44 or well ex premature infants (≥ 52 weeks PCA ^f) with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 5	Level 5 On-site	> 1 yr of age with credentialed specialist anaesthetist > 6 months age ^d with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist > T44 or well ex premature infants (≥ 52 weeks PCA ^f) with credentialed specialist paediatric anaesthetist	Level 5	Level 5 On-site			

Key:

^a **Non-specialist anaesthetist** – medical practitioner (GP) with credentials in anaesthesia in accordance with the JCCA, endorsed by elective paediatric anaesthesia down to 2 years may be granted and individual practitioner basis after demonstration of assessment/accreditation and competency by regional representatives of the JCCA. Such endorsement is to be related to individuals documented training in paediatric anaesthesia in this age group.

^b **T** – refers to a term infant (that is greater than or equal to 37 weeks gestation at birth).

^c **T44** – refers to a term infant who is greater than or equal to 44 weeks PCA.

^d – refers to children with medium – high post anaesthetic care requirements due to age only, but no associated severe systemic disease, having particular procedures with low peri-operative risks, such as nasal cautery, removal of foreign body from nose and ear, insertion of grommets, examination of ears and eyes under general anaesthetic, tear duct probing circumcision and other similar procedures, performed by registered surgical specialist with appropriate subspecialty credentialing and defined scope of practice.

^f **PCA** - refers to post-conception age.

References: Queensland Health: Services Capability Framework, Version 3.2, 2014