

# POSSUM SCORES in patients undergoing TURP

A score > 24 may be associated with significant morbidity and mortality

POSSUM SCORE	1	2	4	8
<b>Age (years)</b>	Less than 61	61 to 70	Greater than 70	
<b>Cardiac signs</b>	No failure	Diuretics, digoxin, anti-anginal or anti-hypertensive drugs	Peripheral oedema, warfarin therapy	Raised JVP
<b>Chest X-ray</b>			Borderline cardiomegaly	Cardiomegaly
<b>Respiratory history</b>	No dyspnoea	Mild dyspnoea	Limiting dyspnoea, mod chronic obstructive airways disease	Dyspnoea at rest, fibrosis or consolidation
<b>Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)</b>	110-130	131-170 or 100-109	Greater than 170 or 90-99	Less than 90
<b>Pulse rate (per min)</b>	50-80	81-100 or 40-49	101-120	Greater than 120 or less than 40
<b>Haemoglobin (g/dl)</b>	13-16	11.5-12.9 or 16.1-17.0	10.0-11.4 or 17.1-18.0	Less than 10.0 or greater than 18.0
<b>White blood count (x 10<sup>9</sup>/litre)</b>	4-10	10.1-20.0 or 3.1-4.0	Greater than 20.0 or less than 3.1	
<b>Plasma urea (mmol/l)</b>	Less than 7.6	7.6-10.0	10.1-15.0	Greater than 15.0
<b>Plasma Na<sup>+</sup> (mmol/l)</b>	Greater than 135	131-135	126-130	Less than 126
<b>Plasma K<sup>+</sup> (mmol/l)</b>	3.5-5.0	3.2-3.4 or 5.1-5.3	2.9-3.1 or 5.4-5.9	Less than 2.9 or greater than 5.9
<b>ECG</b>	Normal		Atrial fibrillation (60-90/min)	Any other rhythm, more than 4 ectopics per min, Q waves, ST/T changes