

# ASA Physical Status Scores

**The ASA physical status classification was designed for research purposes but also has billing implications.**

**This review is referenced from "Basics of Anesthesia" by Stoelting and Miller. The examples come from the textbook.**

## ASA-1 or PS-1

- A normal healthy person

## ASA-2 or PS-2

- A patient with mild systemic disease that results in no physical limitation. Examples:
  - Hypertension
  - Diabetes
  - Chronic Bronchitis
  - Extremes of age

## ASA-3 or PS-3

- A patient with severe systemic disease that results in physical limitation. Examples:
  - HTN: poorly controlled
  - Diabetes with vascular complications
  - Angina, prior MI, pulmonary disease that limits activity.

## ASA-4 or PS-4

- A patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life. Examples:
  - Congestive heart failure
  - Unstable angina pectoris
  - Advanced pulmonary, renal or hepatic dysfunction.

## ASA-5 or PS-5

- A patient who is not expected to survive without the operation. Examples:
  - Ruptured aortic aneurysm
  - Pulmonary embolus
  - Head injury with increased ICP

## ASA-6 or PS-6

- A declared brain dead patient whose organs are being removed for donation

**Note: any patient on a ventilator or in the ICU, any patient for heart surgery, any one on dialysis or home O2 is at least a ASA-4 or PS-4**