

Cancellation of Surgery at Fukuoka University Hospital in 2001

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Abstract: The number of cancelled surgical cases and the reasons for such cancellations from January through December 2001 at Fukuoka University Hospital were retrospectively studied. Among a total of 6013 cases scheduled for surgery during the period, 268 (4.5%) were cancelled. The cancellation rates for those under 12 years and for those 70 years or older were higher than those for the other age groups. Two hundred and four cases (76%) were cancelled because of medical reasons, and 59 (22%) were postponed due to social ones. Eighty-four (31%) out of the 268 cancelled cases were judged not to be properly indicated for surgery. Among them, the primary surgical conditions in 44 (52%) were considered too advanced for surgery.

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