

POSSUM SCORES in patients undergoing prostatectomy

**A total score greater than 24 is associated with significant
Morbidity and mortality following TURP**

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