

National Access Criteria for First Assessment (ACA)

Bay of Plenty Variation (Dec 09)

Category	Criteria
Immediate Priority 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspected malignancy • Disc prolapsed with significant neurological deficit • Extreme functional impairment – community living at risk • Trauma not requiring immediate intervention • Major risk of permanent disability through delay
Urgent Priority 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe functional impairment – requiring considerable assistance ADL • Severe pain – sleep regularly disturbed, poor analgesic control • Serious congenital condition in infants • Significant risk of permanent disability through delay • Employment seriously restricted
Semi Urgent Priority 3 Subset: Priority 3 A Priority 3 B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate functional impairment – some assistance required ADL • Moderate pain – some sleep disturbance, modest analgesic control • Moderate risk of permanent disability through delay • Employment maintained • Rapidly progressive deformities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients with significant arthritic conditions • Patients suitable for Mega clinic only ie Carpal tunnels, trigger finger etc
Routine Priority 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild/moderate functional impairment – no restriction of leisure activity no assistance for ADL • Mild/moderate/episodic pain – satisfactory analgesic control • Low risk of permanent disability through delay • Employment being maintained • Slowly progressive deformities
Low Priority Priority 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No/minimal functional impairment – no restriction of leisure activity no assistance for ADL • No/minimal/episodic pain – analgesics seldom required • No/minimal risk of permanent disability through delay