

Grade	Definition
Grade I	Any deviation from the normal course without the need for pharmacological treatment or surgical, endoscopic and radiologic interventions Allowed therapeutic regimens are: drugs as antiemetics, antipyretics, analgetics, diuretics, electrolytes and physiotherapy. This grade also includes wound infections opened at the bedside
Grade II	Requiring pharmacological treatment with drugs other than such allowed for grade I complications Blood transfusions and total parenteral nutrition are also included
Grade III	Requiring surgical, endoscopic or radiological intervention
III a	Intervention not under general anaesthesia
III b	Intervention under general anaesthesia
Grade IV	Life-threatening complication (including CNS complications)* requiring IC/ICU management
IV a	Single organ dysfunction (including dialysis)
IV b	Multiorgan dysfunction
Grade V	Death of a patient

**Brain haemorrhage, ischemic stroke, subarachnoidal bleeding, but excluding transient ischemic attacks.
CNS, central nervous system; IC, intermediate care; ICU, intensive care unit.*
