ASA Physical Status Classification

Preoperative physical status of the patient · classes I to VI

I — **Healthy patient**

II — **Mild systemic disease**

III — **Severe systemic disease**
(not incapacitating)

IV — **Severe disease, a constant threat to life**

V — **Moribund, not expected to survive without surgery**

VI — **Brain-dead organ donor**

Higher class
Higher perioperative risk

"E" suffix
Emergency surgery
(for example, ASA IIIE)

It rates the patient's physical status, not how complex the surgery is