

APPENDIX

Classification of surgical complications – The Clavien-Dindo scale [8].

Grade	Definition
I	Any deviation from the normal post-operative course without the need for pharmacological treatment or surgical, endoscopic, and radiological interventions Allowed therapeutic regimens are: drugs as antiemetics, antipyretics, analgesics, diuretics, electrolytes, and physiotherapy This grade also includes wound infections opened at the bedside
II	Requiring pharmacological treatment with drugs other than such allowed for grade I complications Blood transfusions and total parenteral nutrition are also included
III	Requiring surgical, endoscopic or radiological intervention
IIIa	Intervention not under general anaesthesia
IIIb	Intervention under general anaesthesia
IV	Life-threatening complications (including CNS complications) ^a requiring IC/ICU management
IVa	Single-organ dysfunction (including dialysis)
IVb	Multiorgan dysfunction
V	Death of a patient
Suffix "d"	If the patient suffers from a complication at the time of discharge, the suffix "d" (for "disability") is added to the respective grade of complication This label indicates the need for a follow-up to fully evaluate the complication

CNS = central nervous system; IC = intermediate care; ICU = intensive care unit.

a) Brain haemorrhage, ischaemic stroke, subarachnoid bleeding, but excluding transient ischaemic attacks.