

Patient Conditions Definitions

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Undetermined

The patient is awaiting a physician's assessment.

Good

Vital signs are stable and within normal limits. The patient is conscious and comfortable. The indicators/prognosis is excellent.

Fair

Vital signs are stable and within normal limits. The patient is conscious but may be uncomfortable. Indicators/prognosis is favorable.

Serious

Vital signs may be unstable and not within normal limits. The patient is acutely ill. Indicators/prognosis is questionable.

Critical

Vitals are unstable and not within normal limits. The patient may be unconscious. Indicators/prognosis is unfavorable.

*AHA recommends against using the word "stable" to define the patient's condition.