

Table 2: Reasons for cancelled elective orthopaedic operations.

Reason for cancellation	Number of cancelled elective orthopaedic operations (% of total cancellations)	Number of cancelled joint arthroplasty operations (% of cancellations)
Institutional reasons for cancellation		
Theatre delay	16 (21)	4 (14)
Insufficient beds	12 (16)	9 (32)
Too many acutes	9 (12)	4 (14)
Theatre issue	6 (8)	3 (11)
Total	43 (57)	20 (71)
Patient-related reasons for cancellation		
Patient unfit for surgery	12 (16)	6 (21)
Medication error	7 (9)	0 (0)
Patient decision	3 (4)	0 (0)
Total	22 (29)	6 (21)
Other reasons for cancellations		
Managed non-operatively	7 (9)	0 (0)
Strike	2 (3)	2 (7)
Total	9 (12)	2 (7)
Overall total	76 (100)	28 (100)

Table 3: American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) score of cancelled elective orthopaedic operations.

Group	Mean ASA score	p value (vs other orthopaedic elective cancellations)	Age	p value
Hip arthroplasty	2.55	0.07	70.25	0.005*
Knee arthroplasty	2.67	0.04*	68	0.04*
Other orthopaedic electives	2.23		57.62	
All orthopaedic electives	2.36		62.17	