

NHS Lanarkshire Pre-Assessment Anaesthetic Alerts Guidance

It is important that conditions and situations that might require extra preparation, time and equipment are notified to the Anaesthetic, Surgical and Theatre Staff in order to prevent unnecessary cancellations.

Alerts to be recorded on patients notes and electronic theatre system

- Anaesthetic Alert exists (please see below)
- Malignant hyperpyrexia
- Weight in excess of **150kg** and/ or **BMI > 50**
- Insulin dependent diabetic
- Latex allergy
- Chlorhexidine allergy
- Iodine allergy
- Nickel allergy
- Antibiotic allergy

Anaesthetic Alerts

Anaesthetic Alert Form should be completed by the **Anaesthetist** and will be scanned into Clinical Portal under 'Alerts' tab.

Such alerts include:

Airway

- Previous difficult bag/ valve/ mask ventilation
- Previous difficult intubation
- Previous failed intubation – couldn't ventilate / easy to ventilate
- Previous tracheostomy / laryngectomy

Drugs

- Malignant hyperpyrexia – confirmed diagnosis / family history
- Suxamethonium apnoea
- Anaesthetic drug reaction
- Previous anaphylaxis to any drug
- Latex allergy
- Chlorhexidine allergy

Other

- Previous ITU admission
- Any other useful information for subsequent anaesthetists