Supplemental material: Assessment tool for virtual pathway suitability (gynaecological patients)

If “No” to all six categories, patient is suitable for “Virtual” Assessment

1. Fill in a referral form.
2. Indicate “virtual”.
3. Advise patient that she will be contacted on the following working day to schedule a virtual assessment.
4. Direct patient with the referral form to HCA at GOPD.
5. HCA will take and record vitals and BMI on the referral form.
6. Patient will drop the referral form at the anaesthetic clinic letterbox.
7. Patients who are deemed suitable for virtual assessment but wish to be seen in – person, should be referred in - person

- Major surgery – hysterectomy, open and/or multiple myomectomy, vaginal wall repair etc.
- Medical history – cardiovascular, respiratory, endocrine, neurological, liver, renal, haematological, skeletal systems
- Regular medications (not related to gynaecological treatment)
- BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²
- Age ≥ 65
- Language barrier, Requiring interpreter, incl. sign language

If one or more “Yes”, patient requires “In person” assessment

1. Fill in a referral form.
2. Indicate “in – person”.
3. Have vitals and BMI completed by HCA in GOPD.
4. Direct the patient to the anaesthetic clinic as “walk in”.
5. Every “walk in” patient should present to the anaesthetic clinic with her chart and referral form.
Decision-making points for assessing virtual pathway suitability (gynaecology patients). HCA – Health Care Assistant, GOPD – Gynaecology Outpatient Department, BMI – Body Mass Index