Anesthetic risk: levels and causes 1

Risk level	Multisystem impairment
Very high	Potential obstruction of the upper airway
II (Hunter) High	Difficult intubation
	Presence of thick secretion in the airway
	Possible cardiac impairment
	Possible odontoid hypoplasia
Mildly high	• Typical problems of I-H (I-H/S)
I-H/S (Hurler–Scheie) High	Risk of postoperative apnea
	Heart disease (in particular aortic insufficiency)
Generally not increased	
Very high	Odontoid hypoplasia
VII (Sly)	Difficult intubation
	Possible alteration of the rib cage
	Possible aortic insufficiency
VI (Maroteaux-Lamy) High	Cardiomyopathy
	Severe kyphoscoliosis
	Thrombocytopenia
	Possible odontiod hypoplasia
	Delayed awakening
	Very high High Mildly high High Generally not increased Very high

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