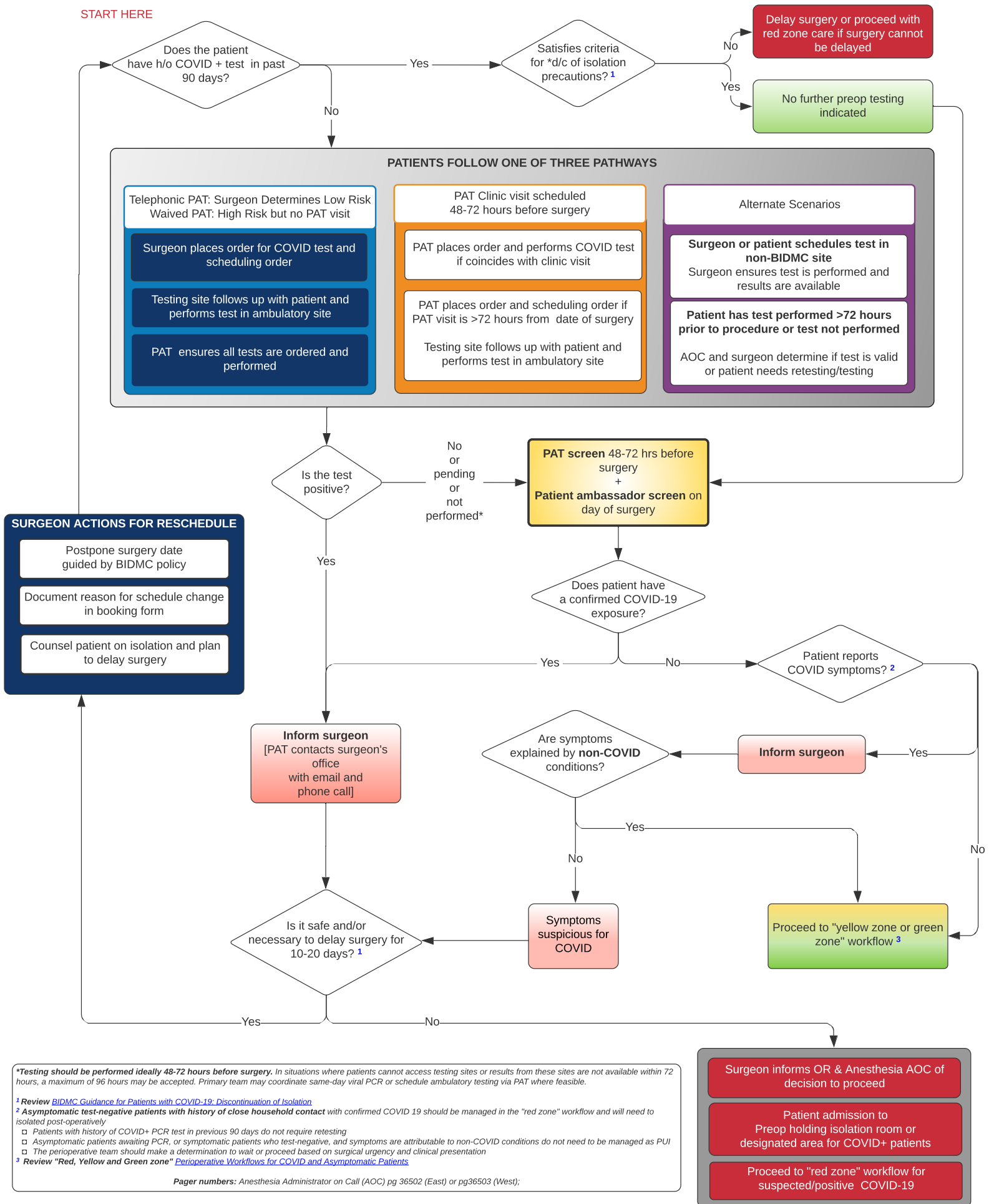


# Out-Patient and Same-Day-Admit -Preoperative COVID-19 Screening & Testing

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\*Testing should be performed ideally 48-72 hours before surgery. In situations where patients cannot access testing sites or results from these sites are not available within 72 hours, a maximum of 96 hours may be accepted. Primary team may coordinate same-day viral PCR or schedule ambulatory testing via PAT where feasible.

<sup>1</sup> Review [BIDMC Guidance for Patients with COVID-19: Discontinuation of Isolation](#)

<sup>2</sup> Asymptomatic test-negative patients with history of close household contact with confirmed COVID 19 should be managed in the "red zone" workflow and will need to be isolated post-operatively

- Patients with history of COVID+ PCR test in previous 90 days do not require retesting
- Asymptomatic patients awaiting PCR, or symptomatic patients who test-negative, and symptoms are attributable to non-COVID conditions do not need to be managed as PUI
- The perioperative team should make a determination to wait or proceed based on surgical urgency and clinical presentation

<sup>3</sup> Review "Red, Yellow and Green zone" [Perioperative Workflows for COVID and Asymptomatic Patients](#)

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