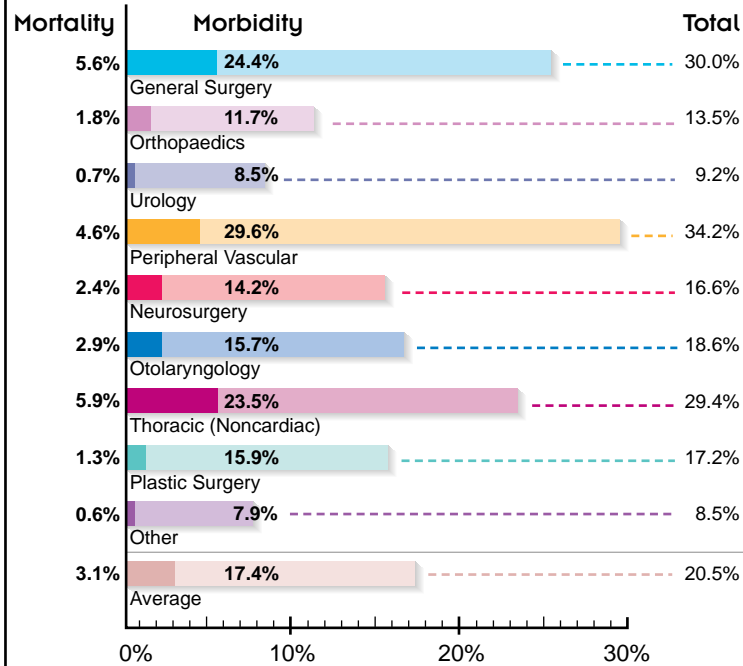


Surgical Risk

According to recent studies, the risks associated with noncardiac surgery may be greater than you realize:

Surgical Mortality & Morbidity



The most common surgical morbidities were pneumonia (3.7%), and wound infections: superficial (2.6%); deep (2.6%).

SOURCE: 1. Khuri SF, Daley J, Henderson W, et al. Risk adjustment of the postoperative mortality rate for the comparative assessment of the quality of surgical care: Results of the National Veterans Affairs surgical risk study. *J Am Coll Surg*, 1997; 185: 315-340