

OPERATING ROOM



Operating room (OR) or operating suite, is the facility within a hospital where surgical operations are carried out in a sterile environment.

EQUIPMENT

- operating table
- back table
- Mayo stand
- kick bucket
- Supply cabinets
- Gerhardt (overhead) table

PERSONNEL

- Surgeon
- Anesthesiologist
- Operating Room Supervisor
- Nurse Manager
- Clinical Nurse

CONVERSATION

Surgeon: Hello, Mr. Allen. Are you ready for the operation?

Patient: Hello, doctor. I think I am ready but I can't help feeling apprehensive for my operation. What if something would go wrong during the operation?

Surgeon: You really have got nothing to worry about Mr. Allen. My surgical team is one of the bests in this institution. Just to assure you, I'll brief you on how the entire operation would go.

Patient: Yes please, doctor. I think I need that.

Surgeon: The operation you'll be undergoing is called appendectomy. It is the surgical removal of your inflamed vermiform appendix. We have to remove it the soonest because if not you'll be at risk of having a ruptured appendix leading to peritonitis and shock. We will be doing the operation laparoscopically or as an open operation so that we can hide the scars in the umbilicus or in the pubic hair line. Generally, the procedure for an open appendectomy will begin with prophylactic intravenous antibiotics given immediately prior to surgery. General anesthesia will then be induced. After that will be the operation proper.

Patient: I think I don't want to hear the rest of the details of the operation. Maybe it would scare me more. I think I can entrust my life to you and your team.

Surgeon: Well, that's good to hear that you have confidence in us, Mr. Allen. Should something unexpected occur during the operation, my team and I are equipped with enough knowledge and skills to handle it so relax and don't worry too much. Everything's going to be alright. You'll find yourself in the recovery room in no time, okay?

Patient: Okay doctor.

Surgeon: Great. I'll have a nurse get you prepared for the operation. See you in the OR unit.