



Unit 8 — Surgery

Reading: Surgery

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Surgery is a branch of medicine concerned with treating diseases and injuries by means of operative intervention, which means a surgeon operates on a patient in order to treat an injury, improve the functions of the body or the patient's appearance.

The word 'surgery' originally comes from Greek, in which language it means 'hand work'. This is actually a very adequate name, as a lot of procedures are performed in an operating room manually, with the use of modern tools and medical devices.

Let's have a look at some of the common types of surgeries, circumstances when surgeries are necessary, the professionals involved in them and the equipment used. When there has been a traffic accident and an injured person is brought to the hospital's A&E department, emergency surgery might be required, i.e. one which has not been planned and arranged by the hospital's staff. The patient is usually rushed into the operating room where doctors perform the surgery.

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Discussion Questions

Can you explain the function of one chosen surgery type which is described in the article?

Would you agree or disagree that "Cosmetic surgery serves only the needs of the vain"? Why?

Have you heard of any modern and groundbreaking surgical technique or equipment? What can you say about it?