

Operating Room (OR)

Introduction

The quality and standard of surgical care in hospitals is an important issue. Despite the significant improvement of the surgical science and technology, the operating rooms continue to be a high risk and in many hospitals a high volume area where strict adherence to the standards of care is essential for better patients safety. Surgeries should be performed in a safe environment by qualified surgeons who have been granted privileges to perform specified surgeries and in accordance with the hospital's license and scope of services.

This chapter addresses the following:

- Staffing and qualifications of the operating room staff
- Requirements prior to surgery
- Documentation of the surgical procedures
- Day surgery
- Infection control in the operating room
- Post-operative care