

# Operating room

An operating [theater](#), also known as an operating theatre, operating room (OR), or operating [suite](#), is a facility within a [hospital](#) where surgical [operations](#) are carried out in a [sterile environment](#).

Historically, the term “operating theatre” referred to a non-sterile, tiered theater or amphitheater in which students and other spectators could watch surgeons perform surgery.

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