

OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTITIONERS

Role in PUBLIC HEALTH



Health Protection

Operating Department Practitioners always ensure infection prevention and control.

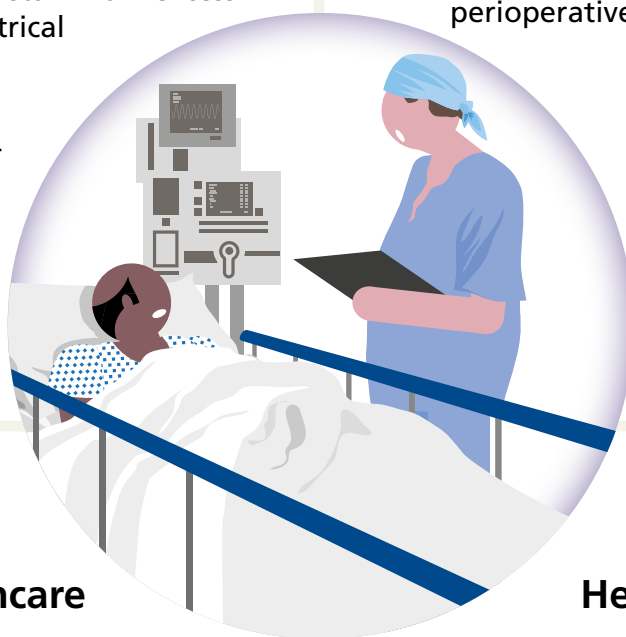
We protect patients and staff from excess radiation, laser and electrical injuries during surgical procedures.

We promote and deliver national immunisation programmes.

Wider Determinants



We are aware of the wider determinants of health and health inequality and how these determinants can present in the perioperative patient.



Population Healthcare

Operating Department Practitioners promote lower carbon models of care.

We may work in Occupational Health Departments supporting people to remain and return to work.

We are aware of pre-habilitation strategies to facilitate reduced hospital stays and improved recovery.

Health Improvement



Operating Department Practitioners can give patients wider health advice in preparation for surgery.

We support public health campaigns.

We use Making Every Contact Count (MECC) e.g. smoking cessation, alcohol, drugs, mental well being.



Examples of work sectors

Operating Departments, Critical Care, Emergency Depts, Research Teams, Health Informatics, Resus Training, Clinical Endoscopy, Simulation Teams. **#NotAllODPsWearScrubs**



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This is just a snapshot and not an exhaustive list of public health interventions.