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Surgery

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## Definition

The branch of medicine in which manual or operative procedures are used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease, injuries, or deformities.

## Discussion

Specialties include neurological, orthopaedic, plastic, thoracic, and colon and rectal surgery.

## Scope and emphasis

Collected comprehensively.

## **Special considerations**

Still and moving images depicting surgical techniques are of particular interest. NLM has an extensive historical collection in surgery and holds the papers of several key surgical organizations.